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We're into the double digits!

Somehow, that's deeply moving.

For once, there were a lot of stories in this volume that focus on Shu, and they were a real pleasure to draw. Enjoy!

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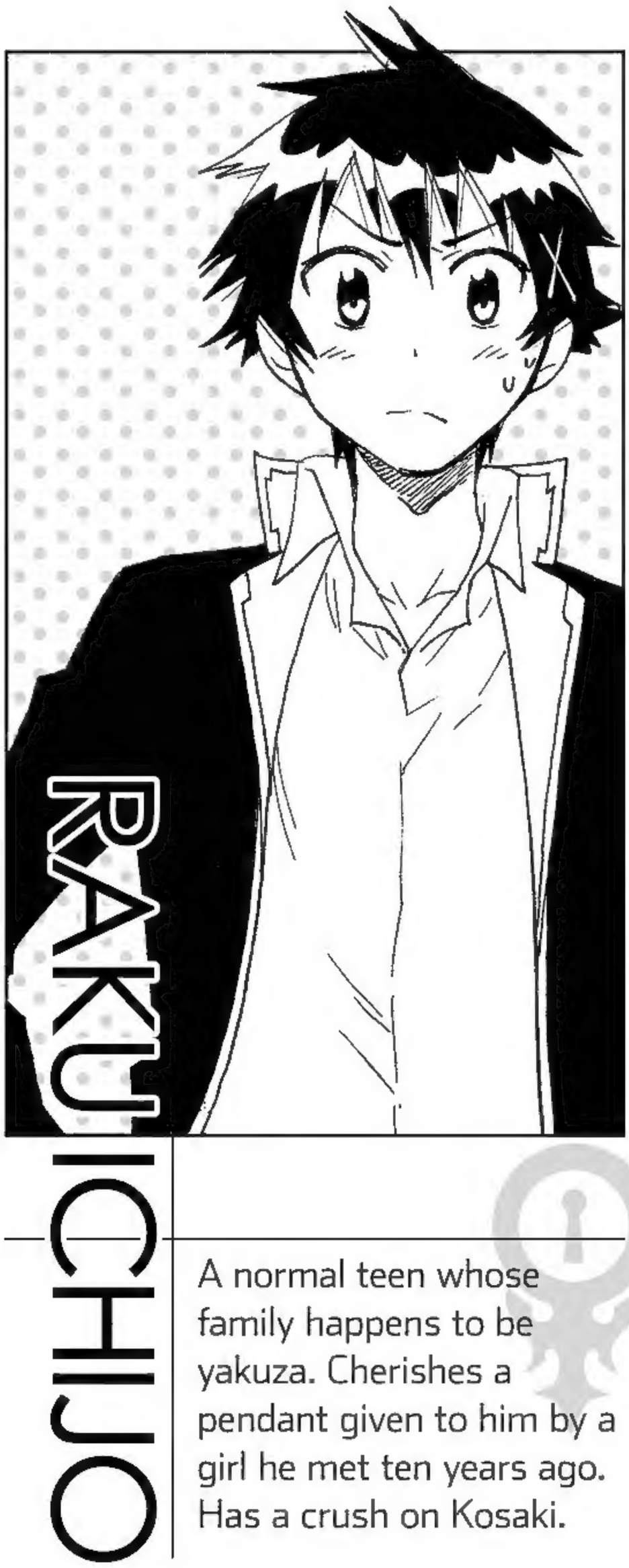
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A normal teen whose family happens to be yakuza. Cherishes a pendant given to him by a girl he met ten years ago. Has a crush on Kosaki.



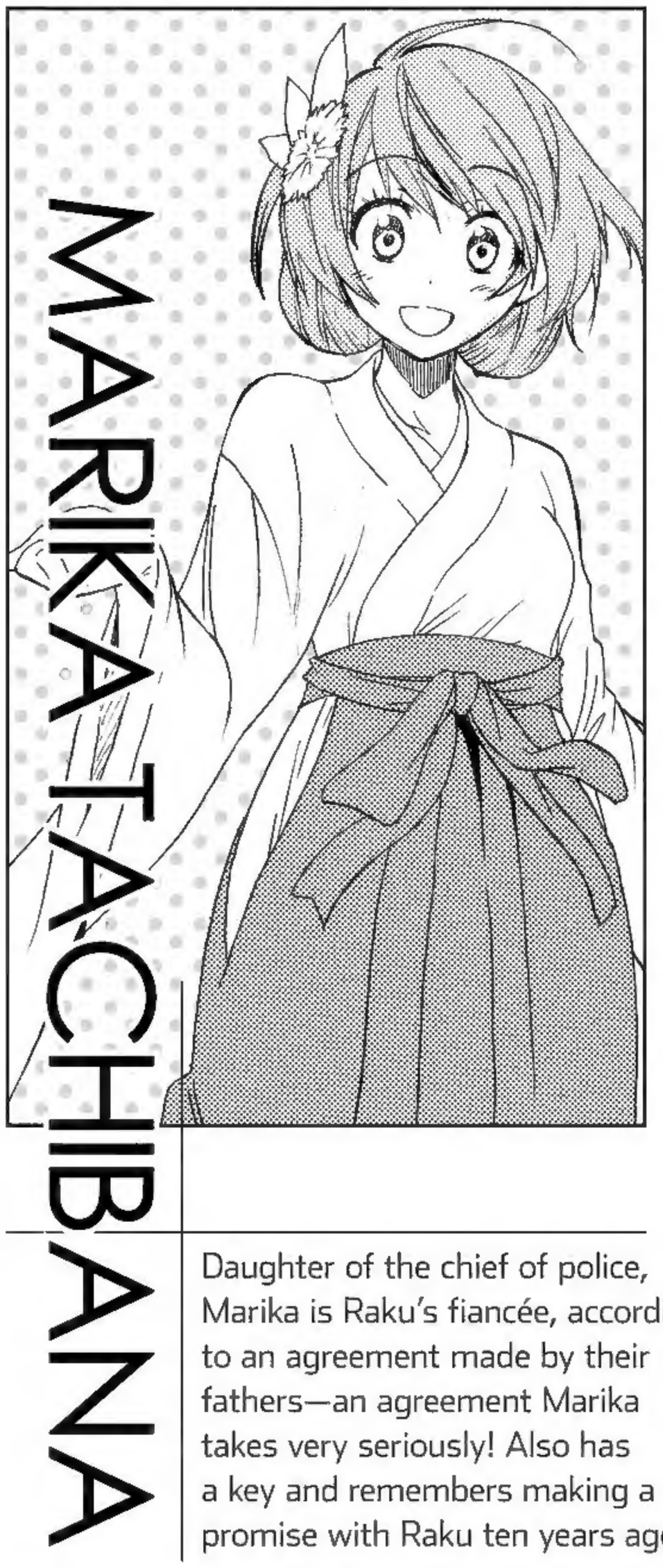
A half-Japanese bombshell with stellar athletic abilities. Short-tempered and violent. Comes from a family of gangsters.

CHARACTERS & STORY

Raku Ichijo is an ordinary teen...who just happens to come from a family of yakuza! His most treasured item is a pendant he was given ten years ago by a girl whom he promised to meet again one day and marry.

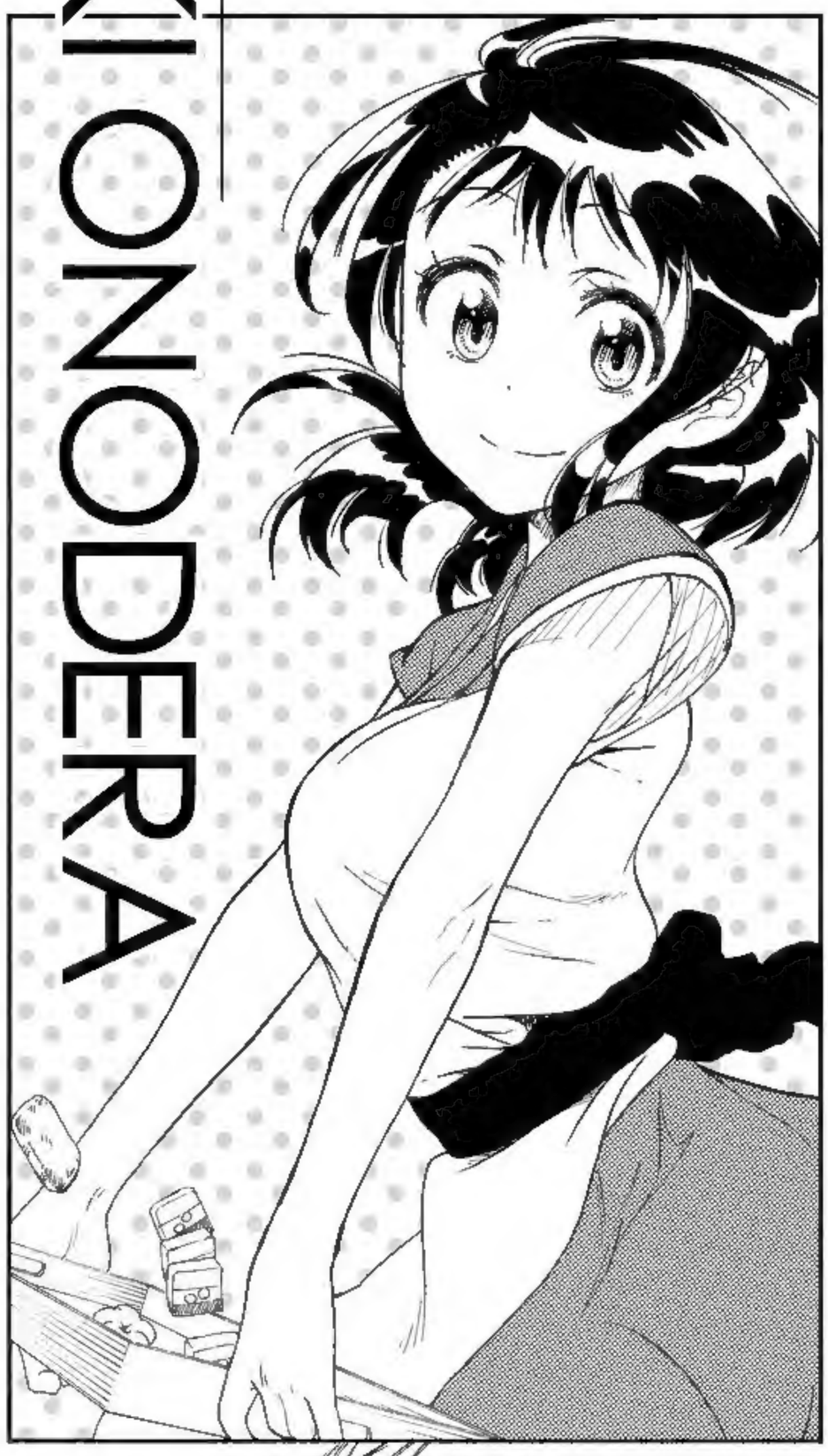
Thanks to family circumstances, Raku is forced into a false relationship with Chitoge, the daughter of a rival gangster, to keep their families from shedding blood. Despite their constant spats, Raku and Chitoge manage to fool everyone. One day, Chitoge discovers an old key, jogging memories of her own first love ten years earlier. Meanwhile, Raku's crush, Kosaki, confesses that she also has a key and made a promise with a boy ten years ago. To complicate matters, Marika Tachibana has a key as well and remembers a promise ten years ago.

Raku and his friends are now second-year students. One day, Raku rescues a young girl from a group of delinquents. She turns out to be Kosaki's younger sister, Haru! Haru's extremely protective of Kosaki and immediately sees Raku as an enemy. The situation worsens when Haru finds Raku's missing pendant and refuses to give it back...



MARIKA TACHIBANA

Daughter of the chief of police, Marika is Raku's fiancée, according to an agreement made by their fathers—an agreement Marika takes very seriously! Also has a key and remembers making a promise with Raku ten years ago.



KOSAKI ONODERA

A girl Raku has a crush on. Beautiful and sweet, Kosaki has no shortage of admirers. She's a terrible cook but makes food that *looks* amazing.



SHU MAIKO

Raku's best friend. Outgoing and girl-crazy. Always tuned in to the latest gossip at school.



SEISHIRO TSUGUMI

Adopted by Claude as a young child and raised as a top-notch assassin, Seishiro is 100% devoted to Chitoge. Often mistaken for a boy, Tsugumi's really a girl.



RURI MIYAMOTO

Kosaki's best gal pal. Comes off as aloof, but is actually a devoted and highly intuitive friend.



HARU ONODERA

Kosaki's younger sister who's emotionally attached to her. Has a low opinion of Raku.



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Chapter 81: Public Bath


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GOOD EVENING, GRANNY!

*NOTE: THE SIGN READS "PUBLIC BATH."

WELL, YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE! HAVE YOURSELF A RELAXING SOAK!

WE'RE HAVING PLUMBING ISSUES AT HOME...

I'M HERE FOR A BATH!

WELL, WELL!

HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE, RAKU!

GOOD EVENING!!

GEE, THAT'S NOT MUCH OF A COMPLI-MENT.

MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN!

YOU LOOK MORE AND MORE LIKE YOUR FATHER!!

HUH?

SO, THIS IS A PUBLIC BATH?

WOW, THIS IS COOL!

Wel-come!!

YOURS TOO?

OUR PLUMB-ING'S ON THE FRITZ...

AS IF!!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

R-RAKU?!

CHITOGE?!

REALLY?

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

BESIDES, THIS IS THE BIGGEST PLACE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD...

I'VE ALWAYS HAD AN INTEREST IN PUBLIC BATHS.

ザバー SPLOOSH!

YEAH, YEAH. WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?

DON'T YOU DARE TRY TO PEEK IN THE GIRLS' SIDE!

WE JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE SAME PLACE ON THE SAME DAY...

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

HUH?!

RAKUUUU!!

YES! HURRY UP, WOULDJA?

YOU'RE JUST ACROSS FROM ME?

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OUT ON THIS SIDE...

DO YOU HAVE SOAP OVER THERE?

CHI-TOGE ?!

SHOOP

ビ〜ン!!

HERE! CATCH!

...JUST KNOWING THERE'S A GIRL I KNOW ON THE OTHER SIDE...

IT'S WEIRD...

SHEESH!

THANKS!

ガラッ!!

SHFF

OH!

WHAT A HUGE TUB!!

...MAKES ME...

...

...KIND OF NERVOUS.

LOOK, HONDA!

THERE'S A SAUNA AND AN AROMA-THERAPY BATH TOO!

DON'T OVERDO IT, MISTRESS!

7!!

BLRFF!!

!!!

WHAT?!

M-MARIKA?!

!

WHY'RE YOU HERE?!

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT!

THIS IS MY FIRST PUBLIC BATH EXPERIENCE!

SOUNDS FAMILIAR ...

That's annoying.

HEY!!

LET'S GO OVER THERE AND WASH.

COME, HONDA.

HEY, CHITOGE!!

?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

?

GREAT.

WHY DOES THIS KEEP HAPPENING?

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

HUH?

ZOOM

THAT VOICE!!

THROW IT BACK, WILL YA?

YOU DONE WITH THAT SOAP?

ぴょこ!! SHOOP

RAKU DEAREST!!

YOINKS!!

ぴょっ!!!

WHA...?!

T-T-TACHIBANA?!

N-NOT YOU TOO!!

WHY, IT'S A THRILL RUNNING INTO YOU HERE, RAKU DEAREST!!

SHALL I WASH YOUR BACK FOR YOU?

OH!

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, PLEASE!!

HEY!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! GET DOWN!!

GASP!

!!!

I'D BETTER JUST MAKE THIS QUICK AND GO HOME...

FIRST CHITOGE, NOW TACHIBANA?! THIS IS CRAZY!!

YAP ギャー

ギャー YAP

-KCHOKK!!

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT, PERV!!

Why?

ガーン!!

CAN I USE YOURS, SIS?

OOPS, FORGOT MY SHAMPOO!

SURE, HARU!

WELL!

DONE ALREADY, RAKU?

MM, THAT WAS A GOOD SOAK!

And give people their change!

COME NOW, YOU JUST HAVE TO STAND HERE!

I...I CAN'T DO THAT!!

RAKU, DO GRANNY A FAVOR, WON'T YOU?

HUH?!

GRANNY NEEDS TO RUN AN ERRAND. BE A DEAR AND MIND THE BATHHOUSE FOR ME!

...

YOU'LL BE JUST FINE, DEARIE!

AW, THERE'S HARDLY ANYONE HERE BUT THE REGULAR OLD FOLKS!

W...

WAIT!!

WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG ON THE GIRLS' SIDE?!

FOR ONE THING, I'M A GUY!

ARE YOU NEW HERE? WHY, AREN'T YOU A CUTIE!

OH, MY!

ER, YES? WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

OH WELL. I'M SURE NOTHING WILL GO WRONG...

GAH! WHY ME?

ガ

ッ

JOLT

HELLOOOO?? DESK CLERK!!

B-B-BUT...

OH, DON'T WORRY, SWEETIE! WE DON'T MIND AT ALL, DO WE?

Tee hee hee

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

HUH?!

B-B-BUT I'M A GUY!!

THERE'S A BROKEN FAUCET ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE. WE WANT YOU TO FIX IT.

FWAAA

ワオオオオ

CHITOGE AND MARIKA ARE IN THERE!!!

THIS IS BAD!

TUG

KRAKKLE

KRAKKLE

じり FWAA FWAA じり

NOT AT ALL.

PER-HAPS YOU SHOULD!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD GET OUT NOW?

I'LL JUST SEE AS MUCH AS I HAVE TO.

Walk straight ahead...

THAT WAY CHITOGE WON'T CLOBBER ME...

I'LL NEED YOU TO GUIDE ME...

WHY, AREN'T YOU A GENTLEMAN!

I love it!!

STARE

?!

GLANCE

...ICHI-JO?!

WORMP

...THAT...

JUST A FEW MORE STEPS. THEN TURN RIGHT AND FIND THE WALL.

You can take it from here!

IS...

JOLT!!

SWSH

?!

...TURN RIGHT...

WHAT'S HE DOING ON THE GIRLS' SIDE?!

WHAT ...?!

SHFF

OKAY... JUST A FEW MORE STEPS...

N...

NOOOO!!

...

...

SHOCK

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SHOCK

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LET'S SEE...

FWAA

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FWAA

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...FIND THE WALL...

...THE WALL...

KA-BOOT

POW

IF YOU LAY SO MUCH AS A FINGER ON HER...

AND WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO DO TO MY SISTER?!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE... HARU?!

HUH?

ARE YOU TOTALLY INSANE?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING ON THE GIRLS' SIDE OF THE BATHHOUSE ?!

?!

?!

コキン!! TONK

DON'T TELL ME... ONODERA'S HERE TOO?!

ACK!!

ズ!! SHFF ル...

PSHOO ア!!

HOW DARE YOU?!

WHY, YOU...

HUH?

GET OUT OF HERE!!

I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY!!

TODAY OF ALL DAYS!!

HAHH...

HAHH...

HAHH... HAHH...

I CAN'T BELIEVE ONODERA'S HERE TOO!

TAKE CARE OF THEM, WON'T YOU?

TWO GIRLS STAYED TOO LONG IN THE SAUNA AND PASSED OUT!

OH, DESK BOY!!

HUH?

What now?!

OH, FOR PETE'S SAKE!!

WHAT WERE YOU TWO THINKING?!

プシュー……

FWAA

CHITOGE AND MARIKA?!

OH, AND WATCH THE FLOOR. IT'S SLIPPERY.

OKAY, SEE YOU!

WHAT A DAY...

SHLLF

ズル…

Mmf...

FLAP

110

HUH?

KSHOO

GR...

10

GRAB

NOOO!!

スハハ!

SHFF...

Y-Y-
YIKES!!

HER TOWEL'S SLIDING OFF!!

FWUDD

GOOD EVENING!

WHY, I JUST ASKED YOU TO MAN THE DESK!!

OH, MY!!

I'M BACK, RAKU!

Oh, Raku dearest!

C'mon, Black Tiger!

WHF

WHF

110

110


Five minutes before Raku's intrusion
Well, I'm only at 1%...
I'm only at 5% of my capa-city!
Why? Are you reach-ing your limit?
Don't be ridicu-lous! I could go another three hours!
What's the matter, Kirisaki? Exhaust-ed already?
Hahh...
Hahh...
Hahh...

SOME-BODY? ANYBODY ?!

IS ANYONE HERE?!

TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK TAK

バ FWAK

ンッ!! キキキキキキ SKREEEEEEE

HUH?

WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

OH! IT'S YOU, ICHIJO!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, MS. KYOKO?

ガシ!! SHF

YOU'VE GOT LOTS OF FRIENDS, RIGHT?

ICHIJO, I NEED A FAVOR!!

HUH?

ハァ… HAHH ハァ… HAHH

OH! I KNOW!

OH NO!

I'M TOO LATE!!

I'M THE LAST ONE HERE.

EVERY-ONE WENT HOME.

I stay late to care for the animals...

TOMORROW'S SATURDAY. I NEED YOU TO ROUND UP SOME FRIENDS AND CLEAN THE POOL!

H-HUH?!

HELP ME OUT, ICHIJO!!

...BUT I TOTALLY FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT!!

WELL...

I WAS SUPPOSED TO PICK A GROUP OF STUDENTS TO CLEAN OUT THE POOL...

GACK!

B-B-BUT...

I came every day all sum-mer long!!

YOU OWE ME, KID!!

DON'T FORGET WHO TAKES CARE OF THE ANIMALS WHEN YOU'RE NOT HERE!

SHAKA

SHAKA

PLEASE, ICHIJO! I'M DES-PERATE!!

WHY ME?

WHAT?!

HUH?!

I APPRE-CIATE THIS!!

TAK TAK スタタ～!

THANKS, KIDDO!!

SO...

...YOU CAME CRYING TO ME IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED?

IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING WITH YOU, ISN'T IT?

I OWE YOU.

Chapter 82: Pool Cleanup

Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER CLEANED A POOL. IT'S KIND OF EXCITING!

This is fun!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT.

DID YOU ASK ANYONE ELSE?

WELL...

Hey, Kirisaki!

I CALLED UP A BUNCH OF GUYS...

...BUT THEY ALL TURNED ME DOWN EXCEPT THIS ONE.

"Too much of a hassle," they said.

YOU'RE NOT VERY POPULAR, ARE YOU?

ICHIJOOO!!

YOU AND YOUR ULTERIOR MOTIVES!

YOU SHOULD'VE CALLED MORE GIRLS! THEY WOULD'VE COME!

男子更衣室

I'M FU, HARU'S FRIEND.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

OH! WHO'S THIS?

ONODERA! *WOW*, THANKS FOR COMING!

WE'RE HERE! THANKS FOR WAITING!!

AH, RIGHT...

?

DON'T GET ANY IDEAS, PAL!

You better keep your hands off my sister!!

ニヤリ...
GLARE

Ooh, Haru's here!! C'mere, you little cutie!!

Aw, be nice!

What are you doing here?

MIS-TRESS!

I'M SORRY WE'RE LATE!

I TOOK A WHILE TO GET CHANGED, MISTRESS.

You lent it to me, so I don't want to complain, but...

ER... DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING WITH A BIT MORE... CLOTH?

GOOD MORNING, TSUGUMI!

YOU LOOK GREAT!!

YOU CAN NIX THE "CHAN" PART, BOZO.

ER, PAULA-CHAN, RIGHT?

THANKS FOR COMING TO HELP!

HEY!

I GO WHERE BLACK TIGER SAYS TO GO.

MIS-TRESS CHITOGE!

YES?

*NOTE: "CHAN" IS A SUFFIX ATTACHED TO A NAME AND USED AS A CUTE AND INFORMAL WAY OF ADDRESSING SOMEONE.

I'VE PLEDGED MY LIFE TO THE SERVICE OF THE FAMILY.

BEEHIVE ASSASSIN PAULA MCCOY, AT YOUR SERVICE!

IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

IF YOU EVER REQUIRE MY SERVICES, I'M AT YOUR COMMAND.

OH!

TH-THANKS.

ER... RIGHT.

SHP

スク..

SHP

!!!...!!

Equip-ment check first.

What now, Black Tiger?

FWAK

I'VE MISSED YOU SO!!

JOLT

OH, RAKU DEEEAREST !!

WE'RE ALLOWED FREE USE OF THE POOL WHEN WE FINISH, SO LET'S GET THIS DONE QUICKLY!!

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!!

LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE'S HERE!

RIGHT!!

How could you?

HUFF HUFF

WHY, KIRISAKI! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

I CAN SEE YOU COMING A MILE AWAY, SISTER!

LUNCHTIME!!

THESE AREN'T THE TYPE OF GIRLS YOU WANT TO MESS WITH...

DON'T DO IT.

I BET I'D MAKE A KILLING IF I TOOK A MOVIE OF THIS.

YOU MADE ALL OF THIS, HARU?

THIS LOOKS AMAZING !!

I MADE IT, BUT SIS DID THE PRESENTATION.

Delicious!!

How does she do it??

AL-CHEMY ?!

I WAS JUST PLANNING ON MAKING REGULAR BENTO BOXES.

Like this.

?!

BUT SHE BOXED IT ALL UP DELUXE BANQUET STYLE.

HEY, PAULA!!

AREN'T YOU GONNA EAT WITH US?

I'LL BRING IT TO HER LATER.

LET'S JUST SAVE HER SOME...

...

HMPH!

MAYBE I'LL LOCK HER IN THE GIRLS' CHANGING ROOM WITH OL' ROMEO HERE...

Heh heh...

LET'S SEE...

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT TO HELP BLACK TIGER'S LOVE?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

THERE!

?!

THIS IS FOR YOU!!

HERE!

?!

BESIDES, I BET OUR LUNCH'LL TASTE EVEN BETTER...

...IF WE EAT UP HERE!

BUT YOU'RE UP HERE, PAULA!

HUH?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING? GET DOWN! YOU'LL FALL!!

HEY!

Y'KNOW, PAULA...

WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL?!

Yum!

TOO BAD... YOU'RE MISSING OUT!!

REAL-LY?

NO THANKS!

パク パク MUNCH MUNCH

DID YOU GO TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH?

HOW DO YOU KNOW EACH OTHER?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

HUH?!

I'VE NOTICED HOW YOU ALWAYS WATCH TSUGUMI.

SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUPER SWEET...

...AND YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S A SPAZ SOMETIMES...

I HAVE A BIG SISTER.

OVER THERE. SEE?

HER NAME'S KOSAKI....

ANYWAY, I'M CRAZY ABOUT HER.

I'M SO GLAD SHE'S MY SISTER.

I TOLD YOU, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

WHY WON'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE?!

AW, COME ON!

DON'T BE LIKE THAT!!

IT SEEMS LIKE MAYBE YOU...

...FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT TSUGUMI.

!!...GASP!

LET'S GO TOO, PAULA!

WE'VE GOT POOL TOYS AND WATER GUNS!

YIPPEE! キャー

OH!

EVERYONE'S GOING IN THE POOL!

NO!!

She fell?!

HUH?!

HEY!

YOU GO.

WHOA!

ACTING LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS OR SOME-THING!!

HMPH!

WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS?

バシャ SPLISH

バシャ SPLASH

キャ EEK!

BWA HA HA!! アハハ...

I'D SHOW THEM...

SPLISH チャポン

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH INEPT WATER GUN HANDLING!

HA!

うず FIDGET FIDGET うず

十!! SPLOOSH!! 一!!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

Want me to pump you full of lead?!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, JERK-FACE?!

WHA...?!

WHAT GIVES YOU THAT IDEA?!

I-I DO NOT!!

...

IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE!!

OH, COME ON!

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

WHA...?

IT'S SO OBVIOUS YOU WANT TO JOIN IN!

I DON'T KNOW HOW.

YEAH, BUT...

...YOU'D TRY TO ADAPT A LITTLE?

REMEMBER HOW YOU SAID...

...THE PROPER PROTOCOL.

I DON'T REALLY KNOW...

I'VE NEVER PLAYED WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS BEFORE.

...WHAT CAUSED TSUGUMI TO CHANGE, RIGHT?

YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT...

SKIWEE

DON'T BE AN IDIOT.

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW UNLESS YOU GIVE IT A TRY!

EVERY-ONE'S WAITING!

SO C'MON.

COME SWIM WITH US!!

HEY, PAULA! YOU CAME BACK! YAY!

NO! I, UH...

Aw, c'mon! Don't you want to?

LET'S GO SWIMMING!

C'MON, DON'T BE SHY!

PUSH ヴイ

ヴイ PUSH

W-WAIT!! I SAID, I...

I JUST FEEL LIKE TAKING A LITTLE BREAK...

YEAH, YEAH.

I'M NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE OF YOU!

DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!

Hmph!

バシャ
SPLASH
バシャ
SPLASH
アプッ
GASP
アプッ
GASP
BIG DEAL!!
SO WHAT IF I CAN'T?
YOU CAN'T SWIM, PAULA?
FLAIL
バシャ
FLAIL
バシャ
GLRFF!
FEET DON'T REACH!
BLRG!!
Ah, to be young again...
キャッ
EEK
Shut up!! Forget this!! I hate pools!!
I thought you could do anything, Paula!!
What?! For real?! No way!!
キャッ
EEK
キャッ
EEK
AH HA HA HA HA
アハハハハ


SPUSH
SPLASH
Huff...
Glug...
Gasp...

スタッフ募集

コンビニ
実存
経験者優遇

BAISON
STATION

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コーーーン
DOOONG
キーーン
DIIING
STUDY HARD TODAY!!
OKAY, THAT WRAPS UP HOME ROOM!
SEE YOU!
はーーーい!!!
OKAY!!
IT SEEMS LIKE FOREVER ALREADY!
TIME SURE FLIES.
HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS NOW?
ワイ
YAP
ワイ
YAP
ガヤ
CHATTER
ガヤ
CHATTER

I did not! Or did I?!

RURI!!

GEE, ONODERA, YOU'RE SUCH A SWEETIE!

AAAGH!!

WHEN THE CLASS LISTS CAME OUT, YOU ACTUALLY CRIED TEARS OF JOY!!

ISN'T IT COOL WE'RE ALL STILL IN THE SAME CLASS?

WE EVEN HAVE MS. KYOKO FOR HOME-ROOM!

YEP. YOU SURE WERE STOKED !!

OH!

RIIIIGHT !!

RURI! ZIP IT!!

I KNOW I WAS STOKED!

WHY WAS THAT LUCKY FOR ONO-DERA?

?

I bet the teacher just couldn't be bothered...

THAT WAS A LUCKY BREAK, HUH?

WE EVEN HAVE THE SAME SEATS AS BEFORE.

HA HA HA!

OH, SEISHIRO! YOU'RE SUCH A JOKER!

TOO BAD YOU DIDN'T GET ASSIGNED TO A DIFFERENT CLASS.

Yeah? Same to you!

I wish Kirisaki had been put in a different class!

YOU'RE GLAD WE'RE STILL GOING TO BE TOGETHER, RIGHT?

WE SIT CLOSE TO EACH OTHER, RIGHT, RURI?

DON'T YOU EVER SHUT UP?

YEAH, WHO IS IT?

OH!

THESE EXTRA PRINT-OUTS NEED TO GO TO THE OFFICE...

HEY, WHO'RE THE CLASS-ROOM HELPERS TODAY?

CREEP.

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S MORE HOTTIES IN THIS CLASS THAN EVER! I'M INTO IT!

BY THE WAY... CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT JERK YOU PAL AROUND WITH?

THAT MORON TAKES "IN-APPROPRIATE" TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL!

I'M USED TO IT...HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.

Moron, huh?

YEP...

NOT MY NUMBER ONE CHOICE... RURI'S ALWAYS SCOLDING ME.

Ruri Miyamoto

Raku Ichijo

I'D COM-PLETELY FOR-GOTTEN.

AN UNUSUAL PAIRING, RIGHT, ICHIJO?

WAIT... SHU HAS A CRUSH?

DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS?

BY THE WAY ...

REALLY ?

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHAT?

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I ALSO FEEL SORRY...

...FOR THE GIRL HE LIKES.

MUST BE ROUGH FOR YOU.

SHU LIKES SOME-ONE?!

NO WAY !!

WELL...

HE NEVER TALKS TO ME ABOUT THAT STUFF!!

KCHAM

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

WELL, WELL!

WHAT'RE YOU TWO STILL DOING HERE?

OF COURSE, HE WASN'T EXACTLY EAGER FOR ME TO KNOW, EITHER.

I GUESS HE PREFERS TO BE SECRE-TIVE...

That's weird.

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE NEVER TALKS ABOUT HIS OWN LOVE LIFE.

I SERIOUSLY HAD NO CLUE.

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? YOU KNOW WHO I LIKE!!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT YOU HAVING A CRUSH?

こしょ WHISPER

こしょ

HRM... OH.

WHISPER

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!!

HEY!

WHATCHA TALKIN' 'BOUT?

YEAH!! TELL US, SHU!

SO... WHO IS IT?

YOU WANT TO KNOW THAT BADLY? OHO!

I FIGURED HE KNEW FOR SURE. SORRY.

THEN AGAIN, I GUESS I DIDN'T TELL YOU IT WAS A SECRET...

TSK, TSK, RURI! YOU SHOULDN'T TELL PEOPLE'S SECRETS!

KA

WHY DON'T YOU AND I HAVE A LITTLE MAN-TO-MAN CONVERSATION UP ON THE ROOF?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, RAKU...

?!

WHAT ?!

SHOOP

WHY DON'T YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND NEVER OPEN IT AGAIN!

I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO CARE SO MUCH ABOUT WHO I LIKE, RURI!

GEE, I'M FLATTERED!

FIDGET FIDGET てれ てれ

SKF ズル ズル SKF

BUT WHY? I...

ACK!

ズル SKF ズル...

JUST COME ON, WOULD YA?

W-WAIT! WHAT'S HAPPENING??

SKF

SO...

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

THAT'S SO UNFAIR! YOU KNOW WHO I LIKE!!

SAME DIFFERENCE!

YOU JUST NEVER ASKED.

I WASN'T HIDING IT FROM YOU, REALLY...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW.

OH!

WHAT IS THIS, A GAME SHOW?

FOR THE GRAND PRIZE: WHO DOES SHU LIKE?

AND NOW FOR THE QUES-TION OF THE DAY!

SO...

WHO IS SHE?

DING DING! WE HAVE A WINNER!

HUH?!

?!

POP

!!

WAS IT ONE OF THEM?

YOU SAID TWO GIRLS GAVE YOU CHOCOLATE ON VALENTINE'S DAY.

I KNOW!

ON THE OTHER, THE LIVELY, ANIMATED BRUNETTE...

ON THE ONE HAND, THE COOL, SHARPLY DRESSED BEAUTY...

HUH?

YES, INDEED. AN IMPOSSIBLE DILEMMA, MY FRIEND!

There were two, right?

WELL, WHICH ONE IS IT?

FOR REAL? I'M RIGHT?!

HA!

DO YOU EVER GIVE ANYONE A STRAIGHT ANSWER?

I'M BEING ABSO-LUTELY STRAIGHT WITH YOU!!

RAKU, MY FRIEND ...

TANAKA'S A CUTIE TOO. SO PATIENT AND RECEPTIVE !!

DING DING! ANOTHER WINNER!!

P-P-P-POP!!

WHAT ABOUT THAT TANAKA GIRL IN CLASS D YOU TALK TO SOMETIMES?

...

THIS IS WHY YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING CLOBBERED.

BUT AS A HEALTHY TEENAGE MALE, THAT'S A POINT OF PRIDE IN MY VIEW!!

MY REVERENCE AND AFFECTION FOR WOMANKIND IS SIMPLY TOO GREAT!!

YOUR WAY IS GREAT, BY THE WAY.

I FIND IT QUITE ENTER-TAINING.

NOW YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME.

...

...AND I HAVE MINE.

IT'S JUST THAT ...

...YOU HAVE YOUR APPROACH TO LOVE, MY FINE FRIEND...

IS THERE SOME REASON YOU CAN'T TELL ME?

NOT AT ALL, NOT AT ALL!

OOPS. HAVE I SAID TOO MUCH?

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ア!! SHOOP

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THE WOMAN I LOVE...

...IS A SUBLIME BLOSSOM, COMPLETELY BEYOND MY GRASP.

HEY!

WAIT!

NOW, I WISH YOU LUCK, MY FRIEND.

ENOUGH ABOUT ME.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME...

HOW ABOUT A BIG, FRIENDLY AMERICAN HUG FOR LI'L OL' ME?

WHY, HELLO, SEISHIRO!

KA

BIFF

WHAT?

HMM...

A SUBLIME BLOSSOM...

QUIT STARING, OKAY?

SHEESH!

HE NEVER LETS UP, DOES HE?

UUUUUUGHH

HEY, TSU-GUMI.

STARE....

WHAT?

QUIT STAR-ING, OKAY?

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD A CRUSH ON SOMEONE?

HUH?!

WHAT?!

HEY, TSU-GUMI...

HAS ANYONE EVER CALLED YOU A "BLOSSOM"?

TELL ME SOME-THING...

You got a fever or something?

WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?!

WHE...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

...YOUR CRUSH WAS SOMEONE TOTALLY OUT OF REACH, AND YOU KNEW YOU COULD NEVER BE WITH HIM?

WHAT IF...

W-W-WAIT!! WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?!

I'D KEEP IT A SECRET.

HUH?

I JUST REMEMBERED. YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE, RIGHT?

OOPS... SORRY!

I'M SORRY. THAT WAS A WEIRD THING TO ASK.

...

I WOULDN'T TELL ANYONE...

I WOULD JUST KEEP MY FEELINGS HIDDEN AWAY...

...UNTIL I GOT OVER IT.

ESPE-CIALLY NOT HIM.

OH, ER... REALLY?

NOT THAT I CARE WHAT YOU THINK!!

I GUESS GIRLS JUST HAVE A BETTER UNDER-STANDING ABOUT THIS STUFF.

WOW... REALLY? YOU SOUNDED SO INSIGHTFUL JUST NOW!

I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA! HA HA HA HA HA!

HYPO-THETICALLY SPEAKING, OF COURSE! SINCE I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THAT SITUATION!!

!!

...

...

BLUSH

...WHOEVER IT WAS, YOU'D BE SURE TO WIN HIS HEART, TSUGUMI!

OF COURSE, I'M SURE THAT IF YOU LIKED A GUY...

WHA...?!

possibly by force...

GRIN

SHE'S PROBABLY SHOT AT SHU MORE TIMES THAN SHE'S SPOKEN TO HIM...

NAH. CAN'T BE TSUGUMI...

シュカカカ... KSHHHH

AUGH!! WHY?!

KAPOW

That was a compliment!!

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!

...SHU COULD REALLY BE SERIOUS ABOUT.

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF GIRL...

WHO COULD SHE BE?

I WONDER...

Woo hoo hoo!

HMPH. JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT TURKEY PISSES ME OFF.

HE NEVER TAKES ANYTHING SERI-OUSLY!

THE WAY HE'S ALWAYS CLOWNING EVERY-ONE...

GOT CARRIED AWAY A BIT AT SWIM PRAC-TICE...

GEE, IT'S PRETTY LATE.

WAIT A SEC...

FOR PETE'S SAKE... WHY AM I EVEN WASTING MY TIME THINKING ABOUT HIM?

I WONDER WHY HE TOLD ME?

I LIKE A GIRL!

COME TO THINK OF IT... HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL HIS BEST FRIEND ICHIJO ABOUT HIS CRUSH.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW...

OH!

HERE ARE THE MATERIALS YOU WANTED !!

SLAM

HERE YOU GO!

ANYTHING FOR YOU, KYOKO!

NO PROB-LEM!

IT'S SO NICE OF YOU TO HELP!

THANK YOU, MAIKO!

HUH?

NO, I'VE GOT THE REST!

ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED ME TO CARRY?

HERE. I WILL GIVE YOU THESE LEFTOVER COOKIES, THOUGH.

NICE TRY. I MADE NO SUCH PROMISE!

NOW, DON'T FORGET THOSE FIVE BONUS POINTS ON MY ENGLISH TEST!

THANKS! YUM!!

BWA HA HA HA HA!

SURE!

MAIKO?

CAN I LET YOU IN ON A SECRET?

NEXT MONTH...

I'M GOING TO GET MARRIED.

THIS IS MY LAST MONTH TEACHING HERE.

I WON'T BE WORKING ANY-MORE.

OH...

OH, SHUT UP!

WHO ASKED YOU, ANYWAY!!

WE WERE A BIT WORRIED WHETHER YOU'D FIND SOMEONE BEFORE THE AGE OF 30!

I'M STOKED FOR YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS, KYOKO!

AW, SHUCKS. THANKS, MAIKO.

WOW, THAT'S GREAT NEWS, TEACHER!

HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS!

I'LL CATCH THE BOUQUET!

BE SURE TO INVITE ME TO THE WEDDING!

OKAY NOW. TAKE CARE!

OKAY...

YOU TEND TO ACT GROWN-UP BEYOND YOUR YEARS.

YOU KNOW...

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BWA HA HA HA

DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY YOUR YOUTH!

LISTEN UP, CLASS...

I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCE-MENT TO MAKE.

I'LL BE LEAVING MY JOB HERE AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

I'M GETTING MARRIED.

HEH HEH HEH HEH

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OOOOOOH!!
THE END OF THE MONTH? THAT'S REALLY SOON!!
YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND ?!
SERIOUSLY, MS. KYOKO?
FOR REAL ?!
WHEN'S THE WEDDING?
WHAT'S HE LIKE??
Ha ha ha
ガヤ CHATTER
ガヤ CHATTER

Way to go! Congratulations, Ms. Kyoko!!

THAT'S AWE-SOME.
WE'LL MISS HER, THOUGH.
ガヤ YAP YAP
TALK ABOUT AN ANNOUNCE-MENT!!
わい CHATTER CHATTER
WOW! MS. KYOKO'S GETTING MARRIED!!

...?

TOTALLY.

WOW, WHAT A SHOCKER!

MARRIAGE? IT'S SO HARD TO IMAGINE, ISN'T IT?

WHO KNOWS?

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, RAKU.

I WONDER IF WE'LL GET MARRIED ONE DAY.

YEAH...

SHE WAS A GOOD TEACHER.

WE'LL MISS MS. KYOKO. EVERYONE LOVED HER.

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S A SURE THING?!

In my dreams!!

YOU'LL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH ONODERA.

I'LL TELL YOU IF YOU GUESS RIGHT!!

NYA HA HA HA!

YOU WON'T EVEN TELL ME WHO YOU LIKE!!

SHEESH!

THIS ISN'T FAIR, YOU KNOW.

MS. KYOKO'S A TOTAL BABE. WE ALL LOVE HER. I'LL TOTALLY MISS HER!

DING DING DING!! BULL'S-EYE!

YOU'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO HER. I BET YOU'LL MISS HER.

HOW 'BOUT MS. KYOKO?







THAT'S RARE. YOU JUST LIED, DIDN'T YOU?

HEY...

HUH?

...I HAVE NO IDEA.

USUALLY WHEN SOMETHING'S BOTHERING YOU...

BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN, I CAN TELL WHEN YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING.

ooo

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, RAKU?

IT'S REALLY RARE...

...BUT SOME-TIMES I CAN TELL.

LIKE IN 6TH GRADE...

WHEN YOUR MOM WAS IN THE HOSPITAL.

YOU MADE THAT SAME FACE.

MAN. I'VE GOTTA WATCH MYSELF AROUND YOU...

...BEST BUDDY.

YUP.

DEAD SERIOUS.

U U U U U

ARE YOU SERIOUS ?!

WELL...

IT HELPS THAT YOU'RE WAY CLUELESS ABOUT THAT STUFF.

SHU HAS A CRUSH ON MS. KYOKO?!

NO WAY!!

I had no clue!!

U U U U U

...TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL?

ARE YOU GOING TO...

HUH?

I'M SURPRISED YOU FIGURED IT OUT NOW.

YEAH, ME TOO.

...BUT I THINK THAT'S JUST SELFISH-NESS.

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT GETTING STUFF OFF YOUR CHEST AND HAVING NO REGRETS ...

I GUESS SO.

...

...I'D JUST BE A PEST.

IF I TOLD HER NOW...

OF COURSE NOT.

SHE'S GETTING MARRIED!

I PLAN TO HIDE IT AWAY QUIETLY IN A LITTLE CORNER OF MY HEART.

Y'KNOW... THE BITTERSWEET MEMORIES OF UNREQUITED YOUNG LOVE...

IT'S SOMETHING I'LL LOOK BACK ON FONDLY WHEN I'M OLDER.

IT'S COOL, RAKU.

THERE'S REALLY NO POINT...

I GUESS HE'S RIGHT.

...TO HER NOW.

...IN CONFESSING HIS FEELINGS...

...

IT'S SAD...

OH...

...BUT THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.

OR IS THERE?

...WITHOUT EVER TELLING HER HOW I FELT?

WOULD I REALLY BE OKAY WITH SAYING GOODBYE TO MY CRUSH...

IF I WERE SHU...

AUGH!!

JUST THE THOUGHT OF IT IS SUPER PAINFUL!!

YES.

EVEN IF ONODERA WAS MARRYING SOMEONE ELSE...

IF I HAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO ONODERA...

I THINK...

...I'D WANT HER TO KNOW...

...HOW I FEEL.

IF ONODERA...

...REALLY LOVED THE GUY AND WAS HAPPY WITH HIM...

BUT... ...

YES...

SO MAYBE I WOULDN'T TELL HER.

...I WOULDN'T WANT TO INTERFERE.

I'M SUR-PRISED.

BUT...

REMEMBER...

...WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT LIKING SOMEONE BEYOND YOUR REACH YESTERDAY?

RIGHT.

WE'RE BACK TO THIS AGAIN?

...FOR YOU TO COME TO ME FOR ADVICE.

IT'S RARE...

SORRY TO SPRING THIS ON YOU.

YEAH, BUT THE STUFF YOU SAID THE OTHER DAY WAS REALLY HELPFUL.

I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE, REMEMBER?

LOOK, DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD CONSULT SOMEONE ELSE ABOUT ROMANCE?

JOLT!

WHAT? MARRIED ?!

WHO ARE WE TALKING ABOUT, ANYWAY?

WOULD YOU TELL HIM HOW YOU FELT?

IF THE PERSON YOU LIKED WAS GETTING MARRIED, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

SO...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

SO... HYPO-THETICALLY !!

WHAT ...

...WOULD I DO?

NO!! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG !!

TO SOME-ONE ELSE?!

DON'T TELL ME MISTRESS CHITOGE'S GETTING MARRIED?!

WAIT A SEC!!

...

YOU THINK SO TOO?

IF THE PERSON WAS GETTING MARRIED, I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A NUISANCE.

I DON'T THINK I'D SAY ANYTHING.

...

I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE.

WOULD YOU REALLY BE FINE WITH THAT?

BUT...

ARE YOU REALLY SURE?

THAT'S JUST HOW IT HAS TO BE.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

IT IS WHAT IT IS.

BUT...

N-NO! I'M NOT!!

HUH?!

I'm im-pressed.

FOR SOMEONE WITH NO EXPERIENCE WITH LOVE, YOU REALLY SEEM LIKE AN AUTHORITY!

...

AH HA HA HA HA HA!

I MEAN, THAT'S HOW I IMAGINE IT WOULD BE...

...HOW IT IS?

...IS THAT REALLY ...

...

HEY, MS. KYOKO...

WHAT'S YOUR FIANCÉ LIKE?

WELL...

IS HE A HOTTIE?

I THINK...

HE'S JUST A REGULAR GUY.

I GUESS...

...HE'S REALLY EASY TO BE AROUND.

AW, C'MON!!

JUST A REGULAR GUY?

Booor-ing!

HE'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD...

...SINCE THIS MORNING.

OR AM I IMAGINING IT?

...IF IT WERE ME...

IS TELLING SOMEONE HOW YOU FEEL AT A TIME LIKE THAT...

...REALLY THE WRONG THING TO DO?

Let's throw Ms. Kyoko a goodbye party!!

YEP.

WELL...

TOMOR-ROW'S MS. KYOKO'S LAST DAY.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SUPPORTIVE ABOUT ONODERA...

Y'KNOW...

SO I GUESS...

I JUST WANT TO SUPPORT YOU TOO.

HEH HEH!

EXCEPT FOR A FEW TIMES I CAN THINK OF...

...I SUPPORT YOU IN THAT DECISION.

IF YOU WANT TO LET HER LEAVE WITHOUT EVER TELLING HER HOW YOU FEEL...

...IS THAT WHEN SHE GOES...

ALL I ASK...

I GUESS THAT'S ALL I CAN DO.

...TREAT YOU TO A MEAL.

AT LEAST LET ME...

THANKS...

...RAKU.

THE NEXT DAY...

...RAKU ICHIJO!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE...

...LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.

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...WAS MS. KYO-KO'S ...

CHATTER CHATTER ガヤガヤ

コーン DOOONG

TSU-GUMI ...?

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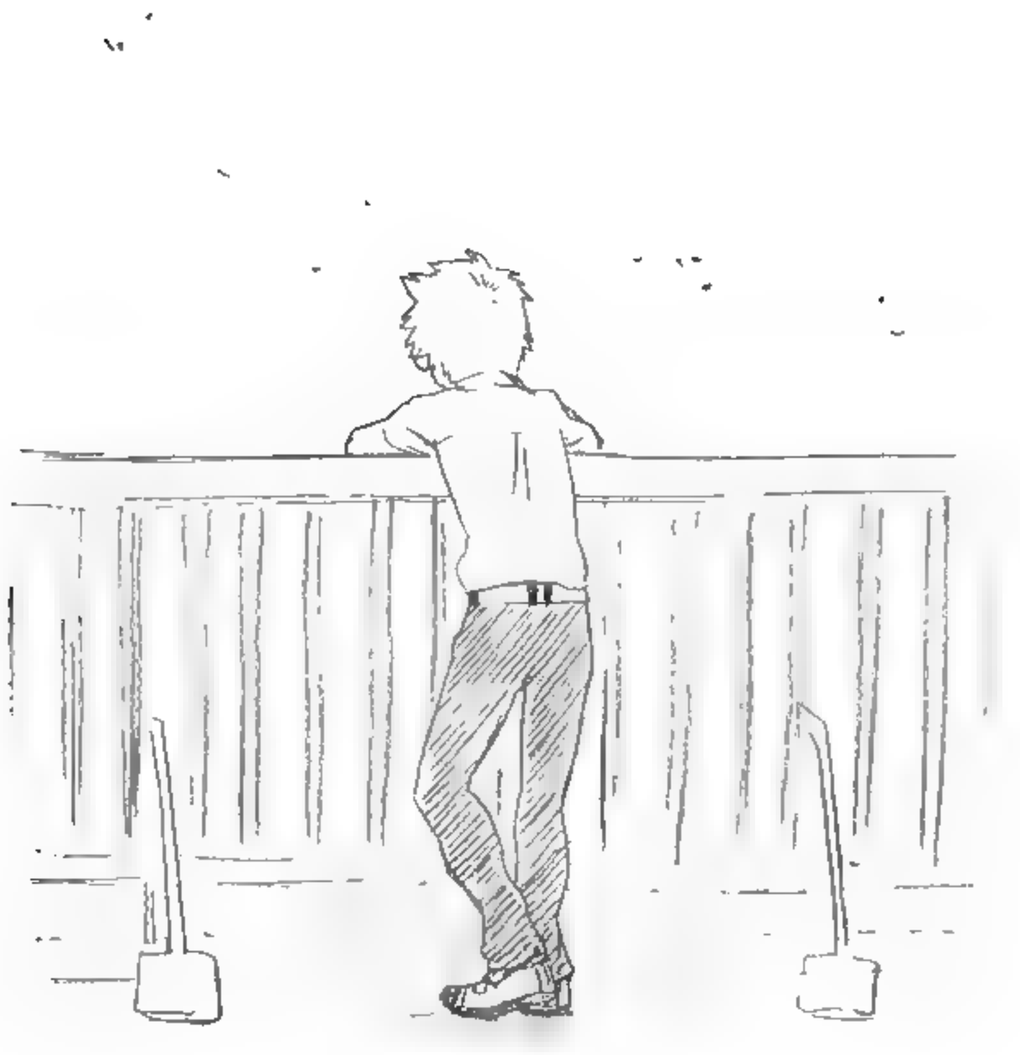
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...?

SO LISTEN UP!!

I'M ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONCE.



YOU ASKED ME YESTERDAY...

...IF I WAS IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE AND HE WAS GETTING MARRIED...

...WHETHER OR NOT I'D TELL HIM HOW I FELT...

...

WHETHER I'D BE FINE...

...WITH HIM NEVER KNOWING.

TSUGUMI ...?

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SINCE YOU CONSULTED ME, I FEEL RESPONSIBLE.

...I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU DIDN'T MISUNDER-STAND WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY.

...

I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT...

...OR WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND.

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU ASKED ME THAT...

WELL...

THAT THERE WAS NO CHOICE, SO I'D HAVE TO BE FINE WITH IT?

...THAT IT WASN'T A MATTER OF BEING FINE WITH IT OR NOT?

YOU KNOW HOW I SAID...

...IT WOULDN'T BE WHAT I REALLY WANTED.

!

THOUGH I THINK I WOULD BE FINE WITH IT...

OF COURSE... I WOULDN'T REALLY BE FINE WITH IT.

I MEAN, I HAVE NO IDEA...

...BUT ISN'T THAT HOW IT IS...

...WHEN YOU'RE...

...IN LOVE?

...

TWITCH!

?!

SHP

...SINCE IT'S NEVER HAPPENED TO ME!

OF COURSE...

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT BEING IN LOVE...

ﾀﾞ!!
VWSH!

THANK YOU, TSUGUMI!

HEY, TSU-GUMI!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT THERE?

KSHH!
ガラッ!!

OH!

WAS THAT MY DARLING?

...A HYPO-THETICAL QUESTION ABOUT LOVE.

JUST...

HUH?

WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SHU...

I...

...CHANGED MY MIND!

GOODBYE!

BYE-BYE, KYOKO!

SEE YOU, KYOKO SENSEI!

HIP HIP HOORAY!

HEY, RAKU!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP HERE? YOU NEVER CUT CLASS!

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KCHAK

キィ...
KREEK

HUH?

LET'S PLAY *MONSTER HUNTER!*

BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA DITCH, I HOPE YOU BROUGHT VIDEO GAMES!

IT'S COOL! SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOTTA SLACK OFF, RIGHT?

YES.

...

IT MUST BE PAINFUL.

OH.

...

YOU THINK SO?

CAN I GIVE YOU SOME UNSOLICITED ADVICE?

SHU...

THE ADULT THING TO DO IS PUT THE OTHER PERSON'S FEELINGS FIRST.

BUT...

WHAT YOU SAID IS RIGHT ON.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW ANYONE ELSE FEELS.

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'M REALLY DENSE ABOUT LOVE.

...GIVE YOU A PUSH...

...IF THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING, I'LL SUPPORT THAT.

BUT I'LL ALSO...

I WANT TO SUPPORT YOU.

I REALLY THINK...

...YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

I'M FINE WITH THIS.

I HAVE NO REGRETS.

IT'S TOTALLY OVER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

LOOK, I'M IN THE TOTAL DEPTHS OF LOST LOVE RIGHT NOW.

A PUSH?

WHAT FOR?

...COULD SEE THROUGH THAT LIE, PAL.

ANYONE ...

YOU KNOW...

YOU TEND TO ACT GROWN-UP BEYOND YOUR YEARS.

DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY YOUR YOUTH!

...AN ULTRA MEGA PUSH?

WOULD YOU GIVE ME...

RAKU... ...

GO TO HER!

THE TAXI STAND ON THE CORNER!

TMP

Ow !!

FWUD

SHFF

ビュン!!
VOOSH

...DON'T KNOW IF I DID THE RIGHT THING OR NOT.

タン
TMP
ダン
TMP

I...

ゴロゴロ
RRRUMBLE
RUMBLE
ゴロ

TMP
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TMP
タン!!

PUP...
ポッ...

THAT FOUR-EYED PUNK.

DITCHING CLASSROOM AIDE DUTIES... WHERE'D HE GO?

BUT...

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING...

HEY, MAIKO!

There he is!

OH!

VOOSH
ガ!!

THIS ISN'T LIKE HIM.

HE NEVER CUTS CLASS...

VOOOSH

HUH?

ザァァァァァ

Thanks for the lift!

KCHAK ガチャ…

KSSHH

Sure!

ザァァァァァ

KSSHH

ザァァァァァ

バン…!

KCHAM

SHHH

ァァァァァ..

...MAIKO?

WAS THAT...

MAIKO?

Teacher!!

HMM ?

ガ— BRRMM

〔個人〕

個人 TAXI

ザァァァ

KSHHHHHHHHHH

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KSHHHHHHHHHH

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...SOME WOMAN VERY HAPPY ONE DAY.

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE...

NOW THAT'S ...

...WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT.

ブロロロ BRRRMM

MAÏKO.

THMP

TAKE CARE...

ポツ... PLIP...

...MINDED MY OWN BUSI-NESS?

SHOULD I HAVE...

HEY, RAKU...

NO...

...

*NOTE: TAKOYAKI IS STREET FOOD MADE OF PANCAKE BATTER AND OCTOPUS, FRIED IN THE SHAPE OF BALLS.

I...

HOW 'BOUT TAKOYAKI?

RE-MEMBER YOUR PROMISE.

I FEEL BETTER.

THANK YOU, RAKU.

HUH?

*SIGNS: TAKOYAKI

DID I MAKE THE RIGHT CALL?

YUM!

HFF

HFF

...

YEAH ?

...BUT THAT'S OKAY EVERY NOW AND THEN.

THAT WASN'T MY STYLE...

BLRFF !!

YOU MADE ME CONFESS MY FEELINGS. DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T HAVE THE GUTS TO DO THE SAME WITH ONODERA NOW!

?

WHAT ABOUT ME?

HOW 'BOUT YOU, RAKU?

SO?

龍泉

...I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE REGRETS, EITHER.

BUT...

MIGHT AS WELL DO THINGS AT YOUR OWN PACE, RAKU!

HA HA! JUST KIDDING!

YOU HAVE A POINT AND ALL, BUT...

ER... UH... YOU KNOW...

KOFF ...

THANKS. ...

YOU'RE PRETTY AWESOME.

SHU...

...NEXT TIME, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A KICK IN THE BUTT.

IF I SEE YOU ABOUT TO MAKE A CHOICE YOU MIGHT REGRET...

BUT...

...I'M NOT REALLY READY TO CONFESS MY FEELINGS TO ONODERA.

YOU'RE RIGHT...

OH! SOR-RY...

YOU JUST DIS-APPEARED! I WAS WORRIED!

WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, ICHIJO?

Huh?

Er, no reason... y'know...

How come? What's up?

...WALK HOME TOGETHER?

DO YOU WANT TO...

HEY... ONODERA?

UM... THIS MIGHT SOUND WEIRD, BUT...

I'D LIKE THAT.

SURE.

...I'LL FIND THE COURAGE...

MAYBE ONE OF THESE DAYS...


That's exactly what I meant.
Yes.
...
You meant you wanted to all walk home together, right?
Huh?

ONODERA'S SICK?

HUH?

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OH...

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD GO INSTEAD, ICHIJO.

I WISH I COULD GO TAKE CARE OF HER, BUT I'M BUSY TODAY.

YES.

FOR REAL?!

KOSAKI WANTS YOU TO COME.

It's not weird?

YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

Japanese Confections
Onodera

Should I be visiting her all alone like this?

I HOPE THIS IS REALLY OKAY...

WELL, THEN...

HERE I AM...

COME TO THINK OF IT...

MIYAMOTO SAID I SHOULD GO TO THE BACK DOOR...

Closed Today

We apologize for the inconvenience.

-The Management

HUH?

THE SHOP'S CLOSED?

LUB DUB ドキッ

Coming!

トントン TAK TAK TAK

ピンポーン DING DONG

GO

WHAM!!

HUHR!

?!

Please open the door!

WHAT'S WRONG, ONO-DERA?!

W-WAIT... ONO-DERA?!

WHA ...?!

BMP

BMP

HAHH...

HAHH...

?!

?!

?!

?!

ガラ

SHF

YES?

WHO IS IT?

koff

ACK! MY TEMPERA-TURE'S GOING UP AGAIN!!

WELL, AT LEAST I'M HERE...

THANKS A LOT, MIYAMOTO! DUPED AGAIN!

LUB DUB ドッキ

LUB DUB ドッキ

koff

Why does she do this, anyway?!

HUH? MIYAMOTO ASKED ME TO COME TAKE CARE OF YOU SINCE SHE WAS BUSY...

WH-WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, ICHIJO?

What?!

SHE NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING TO ME!!

I'M OKAY.

I STILL HAVE A FEVER, BUT I TOOK SOME MEDICINE...

HOW'RE YOU FEEL-ING?

YOU SURE?

Thanks for coming.

WELL... WHY DON'T YOU COME IN, ANYWAY?

THUD

DOES THAT MEAN... IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US?!

WHAT?!

SHE WON'T BE BACK FOR A FEW DAYS.

YEAH, MY MOM WENT ON A TRIP WITH SOME OTHER LOCAL MERCHANTS.

It's usually open week-ends.

I SAW THAT THE SHOP'S CLOSED...

AUGH!!

I'D LIKE TO REPORT AN IN-TRUDER ...

HELLO, POLICE?

BREEP









WELL, I GUESS YOU CAN STAY A BIT.

H-HMPH! YOU THINK YOU CAN BRIBE ME, HUH?

THANKS.

skwee ♡

WOW. IT WORKED.

I'll re-member that.

I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING, HARU!

THE STRAWBERRY DAIFUKU FROM SUZUMIYA. THEY'RE YOUR FAVORITE, RIGHT?

YOU LIE DOWN AND REST!

I'LL HELP HIM, SIS!

OH! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT!

I'LL MAKE YOU SOME RICE PORRIDGE. I OWE YOU, REMEM-BER?

CAN I USE YOUR KITCHEN?

...

I'M NOT UP TO ANYTHING.

THOUGHT YOU'D TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SIS BEING SICK, HUH?

WHAT'RE YOU SCHEMING?

ぐっ BLUB ぐっ.. BLUB

BLUB ぐっ WHP カシャ

カシャ WHP カシャ WHP

...

SO...

HLG!

SO COMPLICATED THAT SOMEHOW TWO-TIMING YOUR GIRLFRIEND IS OKAY, HUH?

IT'S VERY COMPLI-CATED, SEE...

IS IT NOW? HOW FASCINATING!

I DON'T TRUST YOU.

UM... ULP!

WON'T YOUR GOR-GEOUS GIRL-FRIEND BE MAD WHEN SHE FINDS OUT?

SHOWING UP HERE WHEN YOU'RE DATING ANOTHER GIRL!

NO... I MEAN, I DO WANT IT BACK, BUT...

DREAM ON! I'M SAVING IT TO GIVE BACK TO MY PRINCE CHARMING!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFTER THAT PENDANT AGAIN!

I WAS HOPING TO SPEND TIME WITH ONODERA...

RATS.

OH!

THE PORRIDGE'S READY...

KCHAK

SIS?

CAN'T LET THIS CREEP TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SIS WHILE SHE'S SICK!

I'VE GOT TO BE ON MY GUARD.

SHEESH!

YOU'RE SICK! YOU SHOULD BE RESTING!

HA HA... I JUST, Y'KNOW ...

JOLT!

ビクッ!!

WHY'RE YOU CLEANING UP, SIS?!

!

.....

WE MADE YOU SOME PORRIDGE.

HERE, SIS.

THANKS!

LUB DUB ドキ

LUB DUB ドキ..

WOW! I'M IN KOSAKI'S ROOM AGAIN!

WH-WHY YOU LITTLE...

How d you like me now?

GLOAT どやぁ

Ahh...

GRR プル

GRR プル

IT'S OKAY, HARU! I CAN FEED MYSELF!

OPEN UP, SIS!

HUH?

JUST CALL MY PHONE IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

GET LOTS OF LIQUIDS AND REST NOW, SIS.

OKAY... THANKS.

GOOD.

YOUR FEVER'S GONE DOWN. YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW.

HUH?

LET'S SEE...

OHO

パタン...

KCHAM

!

THAT'S WEIRD...

OKAY, OKAY.

YANK

ｸﾞｲ...

LET'S GO, ICHIJO!

C'MON...

BUT I STILL HAVE A FEVER...

EXCUSE ME ONE SEC, HARU...

...

HUH?

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR YOU TO HELP WITH...

WHY DON'T YOU JUST RUN ALONG NOW?

NOW...

...

KCHAK パタン...

PHEW...

...

HOW DARE YOU TOUCH ME!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

That's harass-ment!

YIKES!

SHP ピト

JOLT ピ〜ン!!

I'M ABSOLUTELY FINE!

NO I DON'T!

ﾌﾗﾌﾗ

!

YOU'VE GOT ONODERA'S COLD.

HARU...

NO!!

GO LIE DOWN!

38.2 °C

OWI

...

I'M FREE TODAY. I CAN HELP OUT.

WHO'LL TAKE CARE OF SIS IF I GO TO BED?

I'D RATHER COLLAPSE FROM EXHAUSTION THAN LET YOU TAKE CARE OF MY SISTER!!

OVER MY DEAD BODY!!

!!

IF YOU COLLAPSED FROM EXHAUSTION, I'D FEEL TERRIBLE!

QUIT BEING SO STUBBORN!

WELL...

OKAY.

SO...

BESIDES, ONODERA TOOK CARE OF ME ONCE WHEN I WAS SICK. I OWE HER.

...

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR SISTER UNCOMFORTABLE.

I WOULDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO PULL THE KIND OF MOVES YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, HARU.

...REMINDS ME OF ONODERA.

HONEST-LY...

THE WAY SHE BENDS OVER BACKWARDS TO HELP OTHERS...

I MADE YOU SOME PORRIDGE...

YOU HAVEN'T EATEN ANYTHING YET, RIGHT HARU?

KCHAK

パタン...

KOFF

KOFF

EXCUSE ME...


NO THANKS.
I'M NOT HUNGRY...
ぐぅぅぅ
BLRLR BLGRL...


OKAY, OPEN WIDE...
YOU WANT ME TO FEED YOU LIKE YOU FED YOUR SISTER?
OH, I KNOW...
DON'T BE STUB-BORN. YOU SHOULD EAT WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY.


HMPH! FINE! I'LL EAT IT, OKAY?
CHOMP
OH!
HUH ?!
ビク..!!
TWITCH


AH-AHH...
GRRR
GRRR
GRRR
SORRY. MY BAD.
...

YOU'RE SUCH A BAD COOK, I'M DROOLING WITH AMAZEMENT!

H-HMPH! WHADJA PUT IN THIS STUFF? IT'S TOTALLY GROSS!

カカカカカカカ OM-NOM NOM-NOM NOM

...

OH, REAL-LY?

Drooling?

U U U U

Y-YUM!!

HOW IS IT?

GOOD?

じぃ…

パタン…

KCHAM

HERE'S A SPORTS DRINK.

STAY HYDRATED AND GET SOME SLEEP, OKAY?

LATER.

コト…

TUNK

じわぁ…

SWEAT SWEAT

OH...

FWMP ポフ…

HMPH! WHO'S HE TRYING TO KID? ACTING ALL GENTLE-MANLY...

GOTTA ADMIT HE MAKES GOOD RICE PORRIDGE, THOUGH.

HE'S OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO CHEAT ON HIS GIRLFRIEND!

KSHHH...

?!

ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M SO TIRED...

ドクン.. LUB-DUB

GEEZ... I FEEL LIKE I'M ON FIRE...

I WAS REALLY PUSHING MYSELF...

LUB-DUB ドクン...

...TO BREATHE ...

Hahh...

IT'S HARD...

SUDDEN-LY MY FOREHEAD FEELS SO NICE AND COOL...

WHAT'S THIS?

OH... THAT FEELS GOOD...

スゥ... ZZZ

I WAS... ASLEEP?

SHF むく...

HUH?

POP

Oh!

カチ!!...

カチ... TIK TOK コチ...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

ICHIJO?!

SHF

ビク…!!

JOLT

ビ!!ZZZ

WHA...?!

HE COOLED MY FOREHEAD WITH COLD COMPRESSES?

ALL THIS TIME?

BUT WHY? I THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A JERK...

PLIP チャプ...

ポト... PLOP

IS THIS WHAT FELT SO GOOD?

A COLD WASH-CLOTH?

ムニュ… GLRG...

?

"...A REALLY KIND PERSON."

"ICHIJO IS..."

OOPS, SORRY...

わた WIPE

GUESS I DRIFTED OFF...

わた WIPE

YEEG!!

JOLT

AAGH!!

GOTTA CHANGE ONODERA'S COLD COMPRESS!!

OH NO!

A LOT BETTER. THANKS.

YOU OKAY?

OH, HEY... HOW'S YOUR FEVER?

OH! THAT'S GOOD!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD, I SWEAR!!

ER... DON'T WORRY!!

HMPH.

Why're you laughing?

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

TEE HEE HEE...

WELL...

...

HEH...

SORRY... I'LL CLEAN THAT UP!!

AUGH! WHOOPS!!

SHF

KCHAM

I NEVER REALIZED...

...YOU WERE SO...

アハハ...
HA HA...

アハハハ...
AH HA HA HA...

...WEIRD.

アハハ...
HA HA...

I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT SMILE...

SINCE WE FIRST MET IN THE HALLWAY THAT DAY.

HUH?

What... Want me to stop?

No, don't stop.

HERE.

RAKU ICHIJO...

HUH?

JING

チャリ...

I'M JUST LETTING YOU KEEP IT FOR ME UNTIL THEN.

It's my way of saying thanks.

WHEN I FIND MY PRINCE CHARMING, YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT BACK.

...

For real? How come?

WHAT?

YOU'RE GIVING IT BACK TO ME?

NOPE. I'M JUST LETTING YOU HOLD ONTO IT FOR ME.

I

Hmm...

This'll be tricky...

YIKES!

IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL BE SORRY!

OKAY, GOT IT!!

IN EX-CHANGE ...

...YOU'D BETTER HELP ME FIND MY PRINCE CHARMING ONE OF THESE DAYS!

...SIS.

I GUESS...

...HE ISN'T QUITE AS BAD AS I THOUGHT...


That's good.
Sounds like they're getting along.
Ah.
Ahhh.

Chapter 87: Special Day


NISEKOI
False Love

READY?

SHH... KEEP IT DOWN!

WE DON'T WANT THE YOUNG MISTRESS TO HEAR!

TIP-TOE TIP-TOE コソコソ...

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?

It's the middle of the night!

AIEE!!

MIS-TRESS!!

WHAT'S THAT HUGE PACKAGE FOR?

ER... WHAT... THIS?

NOTHIN', MIS-TRESS!! NOTHIN' AT ALL!!

IT'S REALLY NOTHIN' AT ALL!

IT'S NOTHIN'!

AUGH!! SHUT YER TRAP!

OH, IT'S GONNA BE A REAL WHOPPER THIS YEAR...

YO, WE CALLED IN FOR THE CAKE!

Happ Bir

SLIP

YEAH! NIGHTY-NIGHT, MIS-TRESS!!

SO, ANYWAY! G'NIGHT!! OFF TO BED!!

OH, RIGHT... ...

KRASH

Augh! Don't bump it!! I'll kill you!!

MY BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

LAST YEAR IT WAS A PRETTY EVENTFUL PARTY.

EVERY YEAR, THEY GO WAY OVER THE TOP!

Not that I don't appreciate it...

HONEST-LY...

THOSE GUYS THROW THE MOST PREDICTABLE SURPRISE PARTIES!

AND...

MY FRIENDS CAME FOR THE FIRST TIME...

...AND CELEBRATED WITH ME.

And I broke my key in Raku's lock...

WE MIGHT NOT HAVE FOUND OUT IF NOT FOR MY PARTY...

I FOUND OUT...

...I MET RAKU AND KOSAKI TEN YEARS AGO.

WONDER IF...

...HE'LL COME TO MY PARTY AGAIN THIS YEAR?

SWEE...

ﾎﾟｭ...

CHIRP

ﾁｭﾝ..

CHIRP

ﾁｭﾝ...

Heh heh heh...

I FINALLY GOT YOU BACK!

YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE FOR A WHILE!!

チャ

JING

PHEW!!

WHAT ARE YOU, A FREAK?!

HEY CHITOGE.

PROMISE GIRL ASIDE, I'VE GROWN PRETTY ATTACHED TO YOU!!

DON'T WORRY. I WON'T LOSE YOU AGAIN!!

スリ RUB

スリ RUB

スリ RUB

スリ RUB

EW! CREEP ALERT!

CLATTER ガラ..!!

HUH?!

YEAH! OF COURSE!!

WERE YOU STILL CARRYING IT AROUND?

TWITCH ビク..!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT THING IN A WHILE.

WELL, WHAT'S THE DEAL, ANYWAY? YOU'RE PRACTICALLY MAKING OUT WITH AN ACCES-SORY.

KTUNK ガタ..

SO NOW I'M A CREEPY FREAK? THAT'S KINDA HARSH...

HUH?

UM... RAKU?

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

WHY? IS SOMETHING HAPPENING?

WHAT DAY IT IS?

THIS SUNDAY?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT DAY IT IS?

THIS COMING SUNDAY...

I KNOW!

OH...

HUH? WAIT, WHAT'S UP?

NOW I'M CURIOUS!

NO, NOTHING SPECIAL.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, FORGET IT!

What do you take me for?!

LIKE I'D MAKE A BIG DEAL OUT OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

WELL ...

I MEAN, YOU LIKE RAMEN, RIGHT?

NO!!

...AT THE RAMEN SHOP WE ALWAYS GO TO?

IS IT THE SPECIAL ON SUPERSIZED PORK RAMEN...

LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME?

OH!!

IT WAS A PRETTY EVENTFUL TIME... REMEMBER?

THINK BACK TO LAST YEAR AROUND THIS TIME.

GEEZ, YOU'RE HOPELESS!

C'MON, JUST TELL ME!

DID YOU THINK WE GET TO GO AGAIN?

WAIT, YOU DO KNOW THE CLASS TRIP IS ONLY FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS, RIGHT?

NO!! THAT'S NOT IT!!

SOMETHING ELSE... REMEMBER?

I WAS SO NERVOUS, GETTING PAIRED WITH ONODERA IN THAT HAUNTED FOREST THING!!

THAT WAS DEFINITELY EVENTFUL.

WE HAD OUR CLASS TRIP!!

NO!!

SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT HAPPENED!!

IS THAT IT?

THIS IS AROUND THE TIME TACHIBANA JOINED OUR CLASS...

NO!!

SOMETHING ELSE!!

OH!

THIS WAS AROUND THE TIME TSUGUMI GOT A LOVE LETTER...

That sure was a surprise!

HMFF!
HMFF!
STARVING YOURSELF IS A BAD WAY TO DIET...
YOU REALLY SHOULD EAT.
KA-BONK!!
YOU MORON!!
HLP!!
オオオ!!
HOW COME YOU'RE SO IRRITABLE?
??
DIDJA SKIP BREAK-FAST OR SOME-THING?
HUH?!
...THE FACT THAT IT WAS HER BIRTHDAY TOTALLY SLIPPED MY MIND.
SO MUCH HAPPENED THAT DAY...
GEEZ, NOW I FEEL BAD.
プンスカ
GRR!!
OH, RIGHT.
THIS SUNDAY...
...BIRTHDAY!
...IS CHITOGE'S...

バン!!
WHAM

ガッ
KLOP

ガッ
KLOP

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KLOP

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KLOP

BETTER APOLOGIZE ...

...AS SOON AS SHE GETS BACK...

ドカ!!
WHAM

NOT AGAIN!!

STILL, THOUGH...

...I CAN'T BELIEVE HE COMPLETELY FORGOT MY BIRTHDAY!!

WHY AM I SUCH A JERK!! I CAN'T BELIEVE I CLOBBERED HIM AGAIN!!

WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN?! WHY AM I LIKE THIS?

WHY CAN'T I JUST BE HONEST AND SAY, "HEY, IT'S MY BIRTHDAY... TEE-HEE!"

I KNOW IT'S JUST PRETEND...

IT'S JUST PRETEND.

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW.

Sigh

DIDN'T THAT DAY MATTER TO HIM?

LIKE, DOESN'T HE CARE AT ALL?

IT WAS A BIG DEAL TO ME LAST YEAR. BUT I GUESS HE COULDN'T CARE LESS...

...TO CARE JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE?

...BUT WOULD IT KILL HIM...

I'D BETTER APOLO-GIZE...

...AND MAKE UP WITH RAKU.

SKWEEK ナュ...

IF I DON'T SORT THIS OUT, I'LL RUIN MY OWN BIRTHDAY.

THIS IS ALL WRONG.

SIGH...

SHE LOOKS FURIOUS.

I'll let her cool off first...

MAYBE I SHOULD WAIT A LITTLE.

...HOW DO I APOLOGIZE AGAIN?

WAIT A SEC...

NGHHHH

GEEZ, I'M SUCH A JERK!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I GUESS I DON'T USUALLY APOLOGIZE WHEN WE HAVE THESE LITTLE FIGHTS. WE JUST LET IT GO...

WHAT DID I DO IN THE PAST?

I FEEL SO AWKWARD... I JUST CAN'T DO IT!!

WHY IS THIS SO HARD? I JUST HAVE TO SAY SORRY!

I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF CHANCES...

THERE'S STILL TIME.

I CAN DO THIS!!

IT'S NO BIG DEAL!

WON-DER IF SHE'S STILL MAD ...

...I'M REALLY GOING TO DO IT!

BUT THIS TIME...

GAH! SCHOOL'S OVER ALREADY?!

HEY, GANG!

WHAT SAY WE ALL STOP AT MICKY D'S?

OKAY!

I'D LOVE TO! DO SAY YES, RAKU DEAREST!

SURE.

あい CHATTER

あい CHATTER

...IT'LL BE SO WEIRD...

NOW WHAT? EVEN IF HE DOES COME TO MY PARTY NOW...

FUSS ワシャ

ワシャ FUSS

I'M SUCH A COWARD, I CAN'T STAND IT!!

ARG!! WHY CAN'T I JUST SAY IT?!

ワシャ FRET

ワシャ FRET

DAMNED IF I'M GONNA APOLOGIZE FIRST!!

WELL, IF THAT'S HOW HE FEELS ABOUT IT...

KRAK!!

SO THERE!

...BUT IT WAS HIS FAULT TOO!

I MEAN, IT WAS PARTLY MY FAULT...

GLANCE

チラッ

When should I apolo-gize?

IS SHE STILL MAD?

WAIT A SEC...

WHY DOESN'T RAKU APOLOGIZE?

Well, see if I care!! So what if he doesn't come to my birthday party!! Too bad for him!!

ブツ MUTTER

ブツ MUTTER

ブツ MUTTER

HUH?

IT'S COMING THIS WAY!

A BASE-BALL?

Hey!! Heads up!!

Oops!! Sorry!!

HUH?

HEY!!

!

WATCH OUT, SPACE CASE!!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO...

HUH?!

SHOVE

ヒィッ!!

KA-

THONKKKK!!

OH NO! RIGHT IN THE FACE!!

A-ARE YOU OKAY?!

YIKES!!

RAKU?!

RAKU DEAR-EST!!

ICHI-JO?!

...

HA HA. VERY FUNNY.

UHHH...

WHERE IS I? WHO AM WHERE?

SLUMP むく…

ANSWER ME!!

HEY!! DO YOU HEAR ME?!

SHAKA

ハッ…! BLINK

HUH?

SHAKA

SHAKA

SHAKA

After he came to your rescue!!

HOW DARE YOU ADDRESS MY DEAREST RAKU IN THAT TONE!!

WHY, YOU...

くわん TWITTER

くわん TWITTER

I-I-I MEAN... I WASN'T WORRIED!!

WHO ASKED YOU TO SAVE ME, ANYWAY?!

YOU HAD ME WOR...

YOU JERK!

GASP ハッ…!

WAIT A SEC...

...

CAN YOU STAND UP?

ARE YOU OKAY, ICHIJO?

Feeling sick?

ER...

PARDON ME...

...BUT WHO ARE ALL OF YOU?

HUH?!

WHERE AM I?

AND... WHO AM I?

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!

QUIT KIDDING AROUND. IT'S NOT FUNNY!

HUH?


Of course not...
Nah... Can't be...
Is this a case of... You know ...
Hey ...
Hmm...

...AMNESIA.

TNK トン

TNK トン

LOOKS LIKE...

OH...

I'M AFRAID ALL WE CAN DO IS WAIT.

FORTUNATELY, THE CT SCAN DIDN'T INDICATE ANY BRAIN DAMAGE.

A TEMPORARY MEMORY DISORDER CAUSED BY THE IMPACT TO HIS HEAD.

...ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID.

Chapter 88: Loss

ME TOO!

I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ON TV!

AMNESIA? STUFF LIKE THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENS?

This is me?

THAT'S... ...MY NAME?

YOU REALLY CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?

YES.

RAKU... ...ICHIJO?

Does the name Shu Maiko ring a bell?

WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS THE LONGEST...

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME EITHER?

Now he's for-gotten me twice!

Sniffle

I'M SORRY, BUT NOT AT ALL.

IT'S ME, MARIKA! PLEASE REMEMBER!

OH, NO!! RAKU DEAREST! DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER ME?!

SHAKA SHAKA ガガガガガガ SHAKA SHAKA

AIAIAIAI... S-S-SORRY!

WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME CLASS AT SCHOOL TOO!

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS, ICHIJO!

ER... EXCUSE ME, BUT WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?

THIS IS AWFUL.

ALL BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT ME...

YAP YAP

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO BRING HIM UP TO SPEED.

WELL, IF HE DOESN'T REMEMBER, HE DOESN'T REMEMBER.

SHAKA ぶんっ

SHAKA ぶんっ

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING.

THIS IS MY PUNISHMENT FOR BEING SUCH A JERK!

NOOOOOO!

DON'T COM-PLICATE THINGS!!

WHEN I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A YAKISOBA* SANDWICH, YOU RUN OUT AND BUY ME ONE WITHIN FIVE SECONDS. THAT'S THE KIND OF GUY YOU ARE.

Are you starting to remember?

What?!

LISTEN, RAKU.

YOU'VE ALWAYS ADDRESSED ME AS "MAIKO-SAMA."*

*NOTE: YAKISOBA IS STIR-FRIED NOODLES IN JAPANESE CUISINE.

*NOTE: "SAMA" IS A JAPANESE HONORIFIC SUFFIX.

HUH?

LUB DUB!

ドキドキ!!

IT'S ONE THING TO FORGET US...

BUT DON'T YOU EVEN REMEMBER YOUR BEST FRIEND OR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?

I HAVE...

...A GIRLFRIEND?

THE TWO OF YOU ARE VERY CLOSE!

Remember?

THAT'S RIGHT, RAKU ICHIJO! YOU'VE BEEN DATING MISTRESS CHITOGE KIRISAKI SINCE LAST YEAR!

OH!

H-HEY... TSU-GUMI!

OH NO!

ER...

I, UH...

HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER ME. HOW'S HE GOING TO TAKE THIS?

THIS BEAUTIFUL GIRL IS REALLY MY GIRL-FRIEND?

WOW!

I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LUCKY I AM!

BLUSH

ZING

WHA...?!

?!!

I MEAN, YOU'RE SO GORGEOUS...

IN THAT CASE...

...I WAS PROBABLY JUST BASHFUL.

WHAA?

ER... WELL... YES...

BUT YOU'VE NEVER SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO ME BEFORE.

ARE WE REALLY DATING? IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SUCH AN AMAZING GIRL WOULD WANT TO BE WITH A GUY LIKE ME!

OH! REALLY?

ER... IT'S TACHIBANA, CORRECT?

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M AFRAID I REALLY DON'T.

ER... HOW DO WE KNOW EACH OTHER?

WELL ...

PARDON ME...

ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?

No way! Uh-uh!

DID HE ALWAYS THINK I WAS BEAUTIFUL?!

WH- WHAT'S GOING ON?!

LUB DUB バックン

LUB DUB バックン

DON'T COMPLI-CATE THINGS !!

WHAT ?!

I'M YOUR FIANCÉE.

WAIT A SEC...

ER... BUT I...

HERE!

DOES THIS JOG YOUR MEMORY?

YIKES!

HEY!!

KA

SHOOF

あ…

THIS IS HOW YOU ALWAYS HELD ME, RAKU DEAREST...

YOU LOVE ME. SHE'S JUST A DIVERSION.

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

I forgive you.

AM I A TWO-TIMING JERK?

WHO YOU CALLING A DIVER-SION?!!

I suck!

カアア

アアア

Er... I...

BLUUUSH アア…

DOES THE WARMTH OF MY SKIN BRING ANYTHING BACK?

WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?

Oh! Er...

BOW ペコリ…

OH!

DO PARDON ME!

SO I AM A BAD PER-SON?!

YES. YOU ARE.

RURI!!

AM I A TOTAL SCUMBAG PLAYER?

EXCUSE ME, BUT...

When he blushes like that, it makes me embar-rassed too.

He's so ador-able!

OH, NO...

ズーン... 30KMD

HUH? MOVES?!

Ha ha

I...I HAVEN'T PUT THE MOVES ON YOU AT LEAST, HAVE I?

How sleazy am I?

UH... THANK YOU.

Just telling it like it is.

DON'T WORRY!

YOU'RE NOT A BAD PERSON, ICHIJO!

Not really...

OH NO! WHAT DID I DO?

BLUUUUSH

M-moves?

ｱｱｱ...

N-N-NOT AT ALL!

O-O-OF COURSE NOT!

...

SPEAK-ING OF WHICH ...

WHAT NOW? WE SHOULD PROBABLY BE GETTING HOME...

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S GETTING DARK!

I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO KNOW!

NOW, NOW...

...

WHAT SORT OF GUY AM I?!

WHSH

ガ..,!!

SHOOP

...DO I LIVE?

WHERE...

THERE COULD BE TOTAL MAYHEM!

AND CAN YOU IMAGINE THE COMMOTION WHEN THEY FIND OUT THE YAKUZA BOSS'S SON HAS AMNESIA?

HE MIGHT FAINT!

HE SEEMS TO BE IN A VERY SENSITIVE STATE.

HOW DO YOU THINK HE'LL REACT WHEN HE FINDS OUT WHO HIS FAMILY IS?

Raku's family

SHOULD WE REALLY JUST SEND HIM HOME LIKE THIS?

HEY, WHAT NOW?

Espe-cially know-ing those dudes.

WHISPER

ヒソ

WHISPER

ヒソ

WHISPER

ヒソ

WHISPER

ヒソ

BASICALLY, YOU CAN'T GO HOME JUST YET. OKAY?

SO YOU'VE BEEN CRASHING COUCHES AT FRIENDS' PLACES WHILE THEY'RE GONE.

YOUR PARENTS ARE CURRENTLY TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF JAPAN.

ER... LISTEN, RAKU...

AHEM!

OH?

コホン KOFF

?

チラ... GLANCE...

HUH?!

IF IT ISN'T TOO MUCH TROUBLE, COULD I STAY AT YOUR PLACE TONIGHT?

It's Tsu-gumi, right?

TSU-GUMI...

OKAY, THEN. I SEE.

IN THAT CASE...

ホッ PHEW...

OF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU COULD ASK... WH- WH- WHY MY PLACE?! HUH?!

WELL, I FIGURED IT WOULD BE WEIRD TO ASK ONE OF THE GIRLS...

...AND SINCE WE'RE BOTH GUYS AND ALL...

OH... SORRY! WAS THAT WEIRD?

ビクッ TWITCH!!!

...!!!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY.

DON'T APOLOGIZE!

YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT WORSE!!

BOW

What?! A girl?! With a name like that?!

YANK

HUH?

WHAT IS IT?

WAIT!

JUST A MINUTE...

OH... I APPRECIATE IT.

NEVER MIND, RAKU. YOU CAN CRASH AT MY PLACE.

THERE'S NOT MUCH ROOM, BUT WE'LL MAKE DO...

NO! HE CAN STAY WITH ME!!

WHAT?!

MMFF

...STAY WITH ME.

!

HE CAN...

MMF!
MMF!
THIS IS MORE INTER-ESTING, ANYWAY!
GOOD POINT.
YES. SHE MUST BE AWFULLY WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
BESIDES, MAYBE HE'S BETTER OFF WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND.
I FEEL SORT OF RESPON-SIBLE...
MMF!
MMF!
IF I'D BEEN PAYING ATTENTION, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED.
AFTER ALL...
BUT...
!
THANK YOU, *KIRISAKI.* I APPRECIATE YOUR HOSPITALITY.
OKAY.
SURE.

YOUR HOUSE IS ENORMOUS!

I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE A BIG COM-MOTION...

KEEP IT DOWN.

I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM.

IT'S MY FAULT THIS HAPPENED.

SNEAK SNEAK SNEAK

コソコソ..

YES...

THEY APPROVE ALL TOO MUCH!

OH, THEY DO.

???

DOES YOUR FAMILY NOT APPROVE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP?

ER...

WHY ARE WE SNEAKING IN THE BACK DOOR?

HAVE I SEEN THIS ROOM MANY TIMES BEFORE?

EX-CUSE ME...

NO. NEVER, ACTUALLY.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

THANKS.

PHEW...

WE MADE IT!

パタン...

KCHAM

EEK!

CLATTER

ドドドドド

CLATTER

YIKES!

W-W-WAIT!

L-LET ME TIDY UP A LITTLE!

FLOUNDER

ドタン

バタン

FLOUNDER

OH! PLEASE DON'T GO TO ANY TROUBLE!

SHOOF

ペロン…

!!…!!

GASP!

!

A-ARE YOU OKAY?

KIRISAKI!

YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?

I'M JUST NOT USED TO IT ANY-MORE...

I'M SORRY.

...WE BOTH USED TO CALL EACH OTHER BY OUR LAST NAMES.

UP 'TIL THIS TIME LAST YEAR...

HEY, KIRISAKI!

HUH?

I WAS WONDER-ING...

WHAT KIND OF BOYFRIEND WAS I?

...

EXCUSE ME, KIRI-SAKI...

OH...

GOOD.

WELL... YOU WEREN'T A BAD GUY, I GUESS...

A PRETEND ONE, FOR STARTERS!

W-WHAT KIND OF BOY-FRIEND?

WH-WHAT A QUES-TION!!

A-A-ATTRAC-TED?

WHA...?!

THIS IS THROW-ING ME OFF!!

I JUST WANT TO UNDER-STAND MORE ABOUT MYSELF...

BLRFF?!

WELL THEN...

WHAT ATTRACTED YOU TO ME?

NO, I'M EMBARRASSED!

I can't believe I said that!! o.o

WAAH!

GEE... NOW I'M EMBARRASSED!

...

BLUSH BLUSH

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I GUESS...

WELL...

もじ FIDGET もじ FIDGET

...A REALLY NICE GUY? Or something?

BECAUSE YOU'RE...

HUH?

...IT FEELS RIGHT TO ME THAT YOU AND I ARE DATING.

...IF YOU DON'T MIND MY SAYING SO...

YOU KNOW...

I FEEL LIKE I CAN RELAX AROUND YOU.

I COULDN'T SAY WHY, BUT...

...YOU'RE EASY TO TALK TO, KIRISAKI.

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BLUUUSH
あああ

GRIN

...COULD RESIST THE CHARMS OF A GIRL LIKE YOU!

I DON'T SEE HOW ANY GUY...

BESIDES ...

HRG?

ふえ?

WAAAAH?!

KSLAM

WAS IT SOMETHING I SAID?

ER... KIRISAKI?

WHAT NOW?!

ドドドドド
V-V-VOOSH

EEK!

HOW'M I SUPPOSED TO REACT TO THIS?!

WH- WHAT THE HECK?!

V-V-V-V-VOOSH

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ZING
ズキ…

HMM
…

IS THIS MINE?

WHAT'S THIS?

A PENDANT?

4×1…

JING

…IS THIS?

ズキン…
ZING

ZING
ズキン…

WHAT…

…IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING…

SOMEHOW, I FEEL LIKE THIS PENDANT…

Leave me alone, wouldja?

ゴッキュ
GLUB

ゴッキュ
GLUB

GLUB
ゴッキュ

ゴッキュ GLUB

What's wrong, Mistress?
U_U
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Yeeks!!
OMG OMG OMG!!
Resist my charms?!
WHSH
WHSH

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ズキン…
BA-DMP

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ズキン…
BA-DMP

WHEN I LOOK AT THIS...

...AN IMAGE FLASHES THROUGH MY MIND...

ズキン…
BA-DMP

ズキン…
BA-DMP

ズキン
BA-DMP

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KA

FLASH!!

A... GIRL?

...

NO... IT WAS NOTHING, REALLY!

DID I SAY SOMETHING TO OFFEND YOU?

WHY DID YOU RUN OFF?

KIRI-SAKI!

KCHAM

パタン...

PHEW...

KCHAK...

ガチャ

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER HIM!

YEESH! I'VE GOTTA GET A GRIP!

LOOK, DON'T WORRY.

I'M GOING TO HELP YOU GET YOUR MEMORY BACK!

REALLY, I'M FINE!

DON'T LOOK SO CON-CERNED!

ER...

IN OTHER WORDS...

...ANY LITTLE THING COULD TRIGGER YOUR MEMORY.

LIKE THE SIGHT OF AN OBJECT YOU REMEMBER..

...OR A FAMILIAR PLACE.

REMEMBER WHAT THE DOCTOR SAID?

YOUR MEMORY ISN'T GONE FOREVER.

IT'S JUST TEMPORARILY BLOCKED.

GASP!!

JING 4+ //

WELL, ACTUALLY, KIRISAKI, THIS...

AN OBJECT I REMEM-BER...

...

WE'LL GET EVERYONE TOGETHER TOMOR-ROW...

...TO FIND A WAY TO JOG YOUR MEMORY!

WHY DIDN'T I THINK ABOUT THIS?

WAIT A SECOND...

LUB DUB プル

LUB DUB プル

LUB DUB プル...

...BUT I ALMOST FORGOT SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT!

THE AMNESIA THING'S IMPORTANT...

OH MY...!

...ARE SLEEPING IN THE SAME ROOM TONIGHT?!

DOES THIS MEAN THE TWO OF US...

??

ど!!

Finally dawns on her

VWJAM!!

ん!!

IF I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO FIND OUT, OBVIOUSLY WE BOTH HAVE TO SLEEP IN HERE!

?

WH-WH-WHY AM I PANICKING?

GULP!

ゴ...ク...

GLANCE...

チラッ

...

NOT THAT I MIND, BUT I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THIS!

BUT THAT WAS WITH A WHOLE GROUP, AND THERE WAS A DIVIDER...

I-IT'LL BE FINE! ON OUR CLASS TRIP, WE SLEPT IN THE SAME ROOM!

ER...

SOME-THING WRONG?

'COURSE, IF HE TRIES ANYTHING, I COULD TOTALLY FIGHT HIM OFF...

BUT THEY SAY ALL GUYS ARE TOTAL HORNDOGS...

I MEAN, HE HAS AMNESIA...

I-IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

...

FRET もん FRET もん FRET もん..

GACK!!

LUB DUB バック バック LUB DUB LUB DUB

IT'S OKAY! I CAN HANDLE THIS!

...!!

LUB DUB ドッキ LUB DUB ドッキ

BE-CAUSE ...

...IF YOU ARE...

ビクッ!!

JOLT

UM...

...ARE YOU WORRYING ABOUT THE SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS?

HUH?!

OH, RIGHT!

I CAN SLEEP IN THE HALLWAY, OR OUTSIDE, OR WHATEVER. JUST SHOW ME WHERE.

IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR ME TO SLEEP IN HERE WITH YOU.

IF HE MAKES A MOVE...

Anything's fine!

LISTEN...

I'LL MAKE SURE THE COAST IS CLEAR. YOU WAIT HERE!

RIGHT.

C-COME TO THINK OF IT, WE DO HAVE A SPARE ROOM.

I'LL SHOW YOU.

OH, THANK YOU!

ER... DID I SAY SOME-THING WRONG?

HMM?

AT MS. KIRISAKI'S KIND INVITATION, I'LL BE SPENDING THE NIGHT HERE TONIGHT.

UH... GOOD EVENING, SIR!

BOW

ペコ...

THE MISTRESS INVITED YOU?!

WHA ...?!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE, YOU FILTHY LITTLE BRAT?

WELL, WELL! WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

Who let you in?

HUH?

CHITOGE'S FAMILY?

GRRRRR

WHAT?!

MUST BE A MODEL, RIGHT?

WOW! THAT'S A COOL PIECE!

SKREE!! キキッ!!

HE'S NOT AFRAID OF MY MAGNUM?!

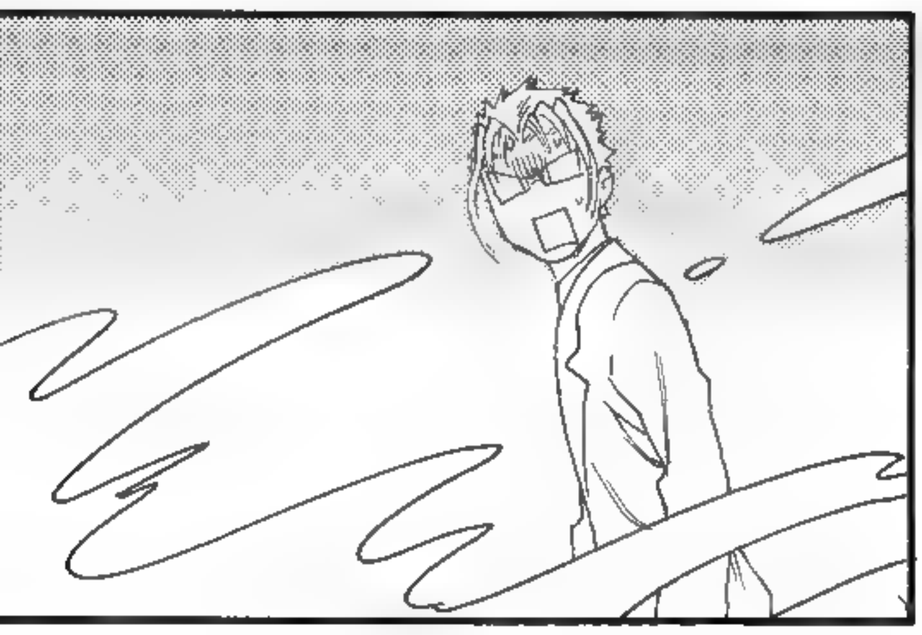
THE MIS-TRESS?! INVITED YOU?!

WHAT A PILE OF BALONEY!

To spend the night?!

KCHAK

OH!



KA

WHEN'D HE GET THE NERVE?!

VOOSH!!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

OH, NO! HE WAS REALLY FRIENDLY!

Oh! His name is Claude!

IS THAT SO?

CLAUDE DIDN'T HURT YOU, DID HE?

PHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

THAT LITTLE PUNK!

WHEN'D HE GET THE NERVE?!

Must be his yakuza blood...

NO ENTRY!

THAT LEAVES ONE OPTION...

MAYBE WE'D BETTER STAY IN HERE AFTER ALL.

GAH! I CAN'T SLEEP ...

JING

I'm the one who invited you.

NO PROBLEM.

SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.

CHATTER

ザワ

CHATTER

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THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!

STUFF THAT MIGHT JOG HIS MEMORY?

NEVER GOT A CHANCE...

...TO ASK HER ABOUT THIS PENDANT ...

SAME HERE.

SURE! LET'S ALL HELP ICHIJO GET HIS MEMORY BACK.

ANYTHING FOR YOU, MISTRESS!

ME TOO.

Anything for my Dearest Raku!

I'M MORE THAN HAPPY TO HELP!

IN THAT CASE...

THANKS, TSUGUMI, KOSAKI AND RURI!

Ahem... Kirisaki, aren't you forgetting a very important person?

NO!! NOTHING HAPPENED!!

DON'T TELL ME SOMETHING HAPPENED LAST NIGHT...

Oh!

BY THE WAY, KIRISAKI, WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SLEEPY?

RE-CREATING A FIRST...

...EN-COUNTER...

...ONE TECHNIQUE IS TO RECREATE THE PERSON'S FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH SOMEONE HE KNOWS WELL...

In soap operas and stuff...

WELL, FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD...

What?! Ichijo has amnesia?! For real?!

BUT... WHAT EXACTLY SHOULD WE DO TO SPARK HIS MEMORY?

OH, RIGHT...

No joke?!

No way!!

WHEE

YAY

You really don't remember us?!

...ARE WE DOING?

WHAT EXACTLY...

SHUP

SHUP

...

ER...

OKAY... RIGHT THERE!

GO AHEAD, CHITOGE!

VA-VOOSH

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TMP

TMP

RIGHT!!

HUH?

HIYAAAA!!

SHOOP

たあああああん!!

AIEEE!!

WHAM!!

HUH!

WHAT...THE HECK...

WE WERE RECREATING OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER TO TRIGGER YOUR MEMORY...

THAT'S A HECK OF A FIRST ENCOUNTER !!

WELL?

DID THAT RING A BELL?

ZZZ

I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR DOING ALL THIS FOR ME.

YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU, KIRISAKI?

GRIN

S-SORRY ABOUT THAT.

WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT NOT WORK IF WE WARNED YOU FIRST...

You okay?

Kiri-saki, you can get off him now!

OH... THAT'S OKAY.

スルガピーチャ

KRAKLE!!!

STILL...

...THAT DIDN'T SEEM TO TRIGGER ANYTHING.

WHO WANTS TO TRY NEXT?

STUPID BEAN SPROUT! STUPID BEAN SPROUT!

AUGH! WHAT'S WITH THAT SMILE?! THAT SWEET DEMEANOR?!

WHAM バン!!

ARG!

WHAM バン!!

???

ER... WELL... I...

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST ENCOUNTER LIKE?

YOU GUYS MET IN JUNIOR HIGH, RIGHT?

HUH?!

YOU WANNA GIVE IT A GO, KOSAKI?

FIDGET FIDGET もじもじ..

KOSAKI?

...?

What's wrong?

KOSAKI AND ICHIJO FIRST MET...

...WHEN KOSAKI SPILLED A *SCALDING HOT BOWL* OF CHINESE FOOD ON HIS HEAD IN THE CAFETERIA!

THAT MUST'VE HURT!!

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SPLUT

Oh!

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AAAAAH!!

Ruri shh!

NO!!

He could get hurt!!

READY?

SHUDDER ゾゾッ…

WELL?

WOW... I NEVER WOULD'VE GUESSED, KOSAKI...

RURI, YOU BLABBER-MOUTH...

KCHAK ジャキッ…

HUH?

IT MIGHT JOG HIS MEMORY.

OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WAS PRETTY DRAMATIC, TOO.

I'LL GO NEXT!

WELL THEN, WHO'S NEXT?

KCHAK!!

?!

HUH?!

BLAM

OH, RIGHT... I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN!

What a first encounter!

Getting into it.

WHAT'RE YOU AFTER, SCUMBAG?!

SPILL IT!

HUH?! THIS IS HOW WE MET?!

IT DOESN'T REALLY FIT...

Huh?

ER... TSUGUMI ?

I APPRECIATE YOUR TRYING TO HELP...

SHP

...BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK GIRLS SHOULD CARRY GUNS.

...WITH HOW CUTE YOU ARE.

Huh ?

SMILE

ほほえみ～...

じ～り STARE
WHY...?!
I... I...
?
FLUSH!
WHA ...?!
VOOSH!
NOOOO!
TSU-GUMI?!
I'LL GO NEXT.
WELL, THEN ...
MODEL GUNS MUST BE REALLY BIG RIGHT NOW ...
SKWEE
Huh?
KNOCK IT OFF!!
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO REMEMBER, SWEETIE.
We can create new memories!
OH, RAKU DEAREST!!
YES?
SHP
ス...

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Japanese Confections
Onodera

MAYBE...
...THIS AMNESIA THING ISN'T SO BAD...
MUMBLE ボソ...
JOLT!! ビクッ!!

ズズ SLRRP...
フゥ AHH...

MUNCH ボリ...
MUNCH ボリ
MUNCH ボリ...

WE TRIED EVERYTHING AND NOTHING WORKED!

YEAH, BUT...

HONEST-LY...

...WE'RE AT A DEAD END...

R-RIGHT! H-HE NEEDS OUR HELP!!

Y-YEAH!! WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM LIKE THIS!!

I-IT WASN'T ME!!

HEY! WHO SAID THAT!!

Amnesia? It's just like Winter Sonata!*

Winter Sonata?

DOWN-STAIRS. ONODERA'S MOM'S LOOKING AFTER HIM.

HI, MAIKO. WHERE'S RAKU?

HEYA, LADIES!

KCHAK

*NOTE: WINTER SONATA IS A POPULAR KOREAN TV DRAMA.

OH! I KNOW!

WHAT ABOUT HIS PROMISE FROM TEN YEARS AGO?

WE ALREADY TRIED ALL THE STUFF WE'VE BEEN THROUGH TOGETHER...

SOME KIND OF SIGNIFICANT EVENT...

SO WHAT DOES THAT LEAVE US?

ガラ…!!
KTUNK
HMM?
EEEK! STOP, MARIKA!
Don't ransack my house!!
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING THAT'LL JOG HIS MEMORY?!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING!!
ガッサガッサ
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
FLING
FLING
FLING
NGH...
WHAT'S UP, MARIKA?
HMM?
...
THIS...
...THIS BOOK?
WHAT'S...

☆BONUS COMIC!!☆

You're the magical girl in this town?

You really think you can protect the love and peace in this world like that?!

MAGICAL CONFECTIONER KOSAKI!!

Oh...

Who are you?

My name is Marika Tachibana. I'm the magical girl of love who protects the peace in the next town over.

What?!

There are other magical girls?!

Of course.

Well, how was I supposed to know?

A proper, full-fledged magical girl doesn't get all embarrassed every time she transforms!

I'll show you how a real magical girl transforms!!

Roger!

Ready, Honda?

Traaans-fooorm!!

GLINT

FWOOM!!

AAA

FWAA

AAAAA

AAA

Ahh...

POOF!!

AAAAA

At Your Serv-ice!

TA-DAA

KAPOW!

Magical Police Marika

She knows no embar-rassment!

You should take a page from her book.

Oh my.

To be continued...maybe!


Any further questions?
Hello. I'm Honda, the magical ferret.